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1996 - FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 1996

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Field Hockey (G V)	CUSHING (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	at Middlesex (Scrimmage).....(A)	4:00
Soccer (G V)	at Middlesex (Scrimmage).....(A)	4:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Field Hockey (G V)	GROTON (Scrimmage).....(H)	2:00
Football (B V)	CUSHING (Scrimmage).....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	at Holderness Jamboree.....(A)	1:15
Soccer (G V)	MILTON/BROOKS/NMH.....(H)	1:30
Volleyball (G V)	NORTH QUINCY HIGH.....(H)	1:00
Volleyball (G JV)	NORTH QUINCY HIGH.....(H)	1:00
Water Polo (B V)	at LOOMIS/NMH.....(A)	1:30
Water Polo (G V)	CHOATE/LOOMIS.....(H)	2:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Cross Country (G V)	at Brooks.....(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	at St. Mark's (Scrimmage).....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	BROOKS (Scrimmage).....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	MILTON.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	at St. Mark's (Scrimmage).....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	2:45
Volleyball (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S.....(H)	2:45
Water Polo (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	3:00
Water Polo (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	5:00
Water Polo (JV)	EXETER.....(H)	4:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Field Hockey (G JV1)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL.....(H)	3:45
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Cross Country (B V)	at Manchester Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	at Manchester Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	at Brewster Academy.....(A)	TBA
Football (B V)	at Taft.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	3:30
Water Polo (B V)	at Oerfield/Exeter.....(A)	2:00
Water Polo (G V)	at Loomis-Chaffee.....(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Cross Country (B V)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	at Winsor.....(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Winsor.....(A)	4:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Methuen High School.....(A)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	at Cushing.....(A)	4:00

Soccer (B V)	HOLDERNESS.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	BELMONT HILL.....(H)	2:45
Soccer (G V)	K.U.A.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	BISHOP GUERTIN.....(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	at Groton.....(A)	3:15

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Field Hockey (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H)	4:00
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Cross Country (B V)	at Baystate Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	at Baystate Invitational.....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	TABOR.....(H)	3:00
Football (B V)	HOTCHKISS.....(H)	7:00
Soccer (B V)	TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	TABOR.....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	DRACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	ORACUT HIGH (Scrimmage).....(H)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Field Hockey (G V)	at Governor Dummer.....(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Governor Dummer.....(A)	4:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	CHELMSFORD.....(H)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	HYOE SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	at St. John's.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at St. John's.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	at Commonwealth School.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	at Noble & Greenough.....(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	at Noble & Greenough.....(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G V)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Field Hockey (G JV2)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	at Babson.....(A)	7:00
Soccer (B JV2)	at Groton.....(A)	4:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Cross Country (B&G)	at Thetford, VT.....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (B&G)	at Choate.....(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G V)	at Choate.....(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Choate.....(A)	4:00
Football (B V)	at Choate.....(A)	2:45
Soccer (B JV1)	at Andover High.....(A)	10:00
Soccer (G V)	at Choate.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	at Choate.....(A)	2:30
Volleyball (G V)	at Oerfield.....(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at Deerfield.....(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Exeter/NMH/Choate.....(A)	1:00
Water Polo (G V)	at Choate/Lawrenceville.....(A)	1:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Field Hockey (G JV1)	SHORE COUNTRY DAY.....(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Andover Freshman.....(A)	3:15
Football (B JV1)	at Proctor.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	at Waring School.....(A)	3:45
Soccer (G V)	at Holderness.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH.....(H)	3:45
Soccer (G JV3)	at Chelmsford Freshman.....(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	CUSHING.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	CUSHING.....(H)	3:00
Waterpolo (G V)	N.M.H.....(H)	3:15

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Field Hockey (G JV2)	METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL.....(H)	3:45
Soccer (B JV3)	BROOKS.....(H)	4:15

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Cross Country (B V)	at SPS/Thayer/Rivers.....(A)	2:30
Cross Country (G V)	at SPS/Thayer/Rivers.....(A)	3:30
Cross Country (G JV)	at Governor Oummer/Brooks.....(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	at Noble & Greenough.....(A)	2:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Noble & Greenough.....(A)	2:15
Football (B V)	KENT.....(H)	6:00
Soccer (B V)	at Choate.....(A)	4:00
Soccer (B JV1)	at Choate.....(A)	4:00
Soccer (B JV2)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	HARVARD.....(H)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Deerfield/Suffield.....(A)	3:30
Water Polo (G V)	WILLISTON NORTHHAMPTON.....(H)	3:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Field Hockey (G V)	THAYER.....(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	THAYER.....(H)	4:30
Soccer (B V)	TUFTS.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (B JV1)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH.....(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	at Thayer.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	at Thayer.....(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN.....(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	at Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at Exeter.....(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S.....(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Cross Country (B V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:30
Cross Country (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:30
Cross Country (G JV)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:30
Field Hockey (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at N.M.H.....(A)	12:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at No. Andover High.....(A)	2:00

Football (B V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Football (B JV1)	at N.M.H.....(A)	11:00
Soccer (B V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Soccer (B JV2)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Soccer (B JV3)	at NO. ANDOVER HIGH.....(A)	11:00
Soccer (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	12:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Soccer (G JV3)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Volleyball (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00
Water Polo (B V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	2:00
Water Polo (G V)	at N.M.H.....(A)	1:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Field Hockey (G V)	at St. George's.....(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at St. George's.....(A)	4:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	at Chelmsford.....(A)	3:15
Soccer (B V)	at Harvard.....(A)	3:15
Soccer (B JV1)	NORTH READING HIGH.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at Middlesex.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	at Cushing.....(A)	3:45
Volleyball (G JV)	at Winchendon School.....(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Field Hockey (G V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	6:30
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Cross Country (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Cross Country (G V)	OERFIELD.....(H)	2:30
Cross Country (G JV)	OERFIELD.....(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Football (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	2:00
Football (B JV1)	OERFIELD.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV2)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV3)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (G V)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH.....(H)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (G JV2)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV3)	CHELMSFORD FRESHMAN.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	CHELMSFORD.....(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	CHELMSFORD.....(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	DEERFIELD.....(H)	1:30
Water Polo (G V)	OERFIELD.....(H)	2:45

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Field Hockey (G V)	at Middlesex.....(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Middlesex.....(A)	3:45
Soccer (B V)	at Moses Brown.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV1)	at Concord Academy.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	CONCOCO ACADEMY.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	B.B.&N.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	B.B.&N.....(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at Pike School.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	at St. Paul's.....(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	at Exeter.....(A)	5:15
Water Polo (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE.....(H)	3:30
Water Polo (JV)	at Exeter.....(A)	4:00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Soccer (B V)	CUSHING.....(H)	5:00
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Cross Country (B V)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:30
Cross Country (G V)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Cross Country (G JV)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	at Pingree.....(A)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Pingree.....(A)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	at Deerfield.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at Deerfield.....(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	at Deerfield.....(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	N.M.H.(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G JV)	N.M.H.(H)	3:30
Water Polo (JV)	at Interscholastics.....(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Volleyball (G V)	at Interscholastics.....(A)	TBA
Water Polo (G V)	at Easterns (Cumberland, PA).....(A)	12:30

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Field Hockey (G V)	K.U.A.(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	GROTON.....(H)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	at New Hampton.....(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Soccer (G V)	WINSOR.....(H)	4:00
Soccer (G JV1)	at Exeter.....(A)	2:45
Soccer (G JV2)	GROTON.....(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	EXETER.....(H)	2:45

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Cross Country (B V)	at Interscholastics (Exeter).....(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	at Interscholastics (Exeter).....(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:45
Football (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	1:30
Soccer (B V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:30

Soccer (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:00
Volleyball (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:15
Water Polo (B V)	at Interschols.....(A)	11:15

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Volleyball (G V)	at Tournament.....(A)	9:00
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Jon Stableford, Coach

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

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Nancy Trepanier, Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

Mary Barendsfeld & Melita Sawyer, Captains
Kate Dolan, Coach

FOOTBALL

Kyle O'Brien & Garth Williams, Captains
Leon Modeste, Coach

BOYS' SOCCER

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Bill Scott, Coach

GIRLS' SOCCER

Lisa DeVellis & Meredith Philpott, Captains
Karen Kennedy, Coach

VOLLEYBALL

Ivy Chuang, Captain
Kathy Henderson, Coach

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Jason Der Ananian, Captain
Paul Murphy, Coach

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Rebecca Greenberg, Captain
Cindy Efinger, Coach

ATHLETIC ADVISORY CHAIRPERSON

To be elected

ATHLETIC ADVISORY SECRETARY

To be elected

Soccer (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:00
Volleyball (G V)	EXETER.....(H)	11:15
Water Polo (B V)	at Interschols.....(A)	11:15

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Volleyball (G V)	at Tournament.....(A)	9:00
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SPORT: BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: KANU OKIKE

MANAGER:

COACH: JON STABLEFORD

ASSISTANT COACHES: Kevin Bleau, Marc Koolen

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Interscholastic Champions

LETTER WINNERS

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Beasley, Andrew G.

Berman, Jacob S.

Dwyer, Angus W.

Friedman, John N.

Gordy, John V.

Hsu, Andrew R.

Okike, Kanu M. (c)

Okike, Nnamdi D.

Prowell, Yaqub K.

Sand, Christopher D.

Skinner, Justin V. D.

Sykes, Eliot B.

Washburn, Hunter D.

Boys' Cross Country

Sat., Sept. 21	Manchester Invitational	5th of 39
Wed., Sept. 25	Belmont Hill	Home 19-36
Sat., Sept. 28	Bay State Invitational	1st
Sat., Oct. 5	Thetford, VT/Choate	Away 16th of 62 (VT) 24-32 Choate
Sat., Oct. 12	St. Paul's/Thayer	Away 23-32 SPS 21-35 - Thayer
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.	Away 30-25
Sat., Oct. 26	Deerfield	Home 15-49
Sat., Nov. 2	Exeter	Away 20-37
Sat., Nov. 9	Interschols at Exeter	1st place



The boys' and girls' cross-country teams began their seasons with impressive performances at last Saturday's Manchester Invitational.

Amidst tough competition, the Andover runners proved that their hard work during the early season has paid great dividends.

Boys

Last Wednesday, the Andover boys cross-country team breezed past Belmont Hill. The Blue, competing in their first dual meet of the season, took five of the top six places and won by a score of 17-36. "It's early in the season, but people are running better than they have before," said Captain Kanu Okike '97.

John Friedman '98 finished first with a time of 16:21, ten seconds better than his second place finish at the Manchester Invitational last weekend. Following, Friedman were Kanu Okike, Justin Skinner '97, and Nnamdi Okike '98. The team's win was even more impressive considering the absence of top runner Nate Tutras '97 who was out with an injury.

"Overall, it was an outstanding team effort. Everyone improved. The outlook this season is looking good," commented Justin Skinner '97.

As expected, Andover's depth and young talent was also displayed in the JV race. Hunter Washburn '00 led the JV team to a 20-36 victory with a time of 18:09. "This can only be good news," added Coach Marc Koolen. The Blue looks for its depth to continue to offset any injuries or challenging conditions.

Last Saturday, the boys' cross-country team competed against fifteen other teams at the Manchester Invitational. Most of the other teams had been training for two to three weeks longer than Andover, but that did not stop the Blue from finishing an impressive fifth. Friedman led the way with a second place overall finish and a time of 16:31. Coach Stableford remarked, "John's second place finish was outstanding. Overall, it was a great team showing."

With the experience and confi-

dence gained from these two races, the boys' cross-country team looks forward to tomorrow's Baystate Invitational, another challenging, individual event. The team is much further ahead of where it expected to be, and with continual hard work and gained experience, the expectations remain high.

Girls

Like the boys, the girls faced a difficult challenge at Manchester because their competition had been training for a much longer time. Yet the girls managed to pull off an eighth place finish out of fifteen teams. Leading the way was Captain Kate Crowley '97 with a time of 21:56. Anne Dixon '97 followed closely behind, and Sari Edelstein '98, Aishah Roberts '98, and Allie Jay '98 finished out the quintet of Varsity runners. This race was really quite productive, as it not only

provided this young team with needed experience, but provided each individual with a better idea of where she stands, and what to work on.

In the JV race, Berkeley Smith '97 and Jasmine Mitchell '99 finished an amazing twentieth and twenty-first places, respectively, out of a field of 213 runners. These two girls are especially important for races such as tomorrow's Bay State Invitational, where seven runners, not five, run for Varsity.

On the whole, the team demonstrated great promise and looks to continue to develop over time. Coach Trepanier said, "We are not looking to push anyone too hard because we want to keep people injury free." As the season progresses, the girls' cross-country team hopes to continue its gradual improvement and be the best it can be by the time Interschols arrive.

Girls, 'Boys' Cross-Country Teams Off to a Great Start

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



While the rain and wind have kept many teams off the courts and fields of Siberia, the girls' and boys' cross-country teams have been training hard

for the beginning of their seasons. Each, after winning Interschols last year, has high expectations for the long season ahead and hopes to be ready to defend its championship when the first week of November arrives.

Girls

The biggest change in the girls' cross-country program this year is the move of Nancy Trepanier from Assistant Coach to Head Coach. "Trep," as the team calls her, has her girls fired up, working hard, and most importantly, having fun. After one week of grueling practice, Captain Kate Crowley '97 sights the unbelievable unity and spirit of this year's team. During the daily three to seven mile runs, the girls are usually singing or talking in order to push each other to the limit. Sari Edelstein '98 says, "Kate is a great captain - her enthusiasm is already overwhelming."

"I'm so excited for this season. Tell all your friends that Andover girls rock," said Crowley.

Tomorrow, the girls will compete in the Manchester Invitational, the first race of the year. Manchester is an extremely competitive race with the best runners from New England; however,

Crowley will be running for Varsity on Saturday. All five are returning last year and look to form a solid core. The JV runners will give the team depth, an absolute necessity of a winning team.

The girls' cross-country team's main focus is having fun while training hard. As long as it remains healthy and happy, the team will continue to grow stronger and closer to its ultimate goal - another Interschols championship.

Boys

Despite the loss of last year's star Darren Dineen and Ted Gillick, the boys' cross-country team is showing great promise. Back for his fourth year on Varsity is Captain Kanu Okike '97. Kanu's hard work ethic has worn on the team and Coach Stableford amazed at the daily effort of every runner.

With less speed at the top than last year, this team plans to win with its depth. Post-graduate Nate Tutras adds the front-running speed the team so greatly needs. John Friedman '98, Andrew Beasley '98, and Okike make up an extremely strong core group which may be better than any team's in the league. Justin Skinner '97, Nnamdi Okike '98, Colin Dineen '99, Hunter Washburn '00, and Jake Berman '99 will add tremendous depth.

The boys' all-out time trial through the rain on Tuesday afternoon gave great preview of the talent the boys possess for this season. "where we are going."

The boys' cross-country team will rely on its hard work ethic and fantastic depth to lead it through the season.

BAYSTATE

TOURNAMENT

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Among tough competition from around New England at the Baystate Invitational last Saturday, the boys' cross-country team provided many reasons to hold high expectations for the remainder of the season.

In a field of thirteen teams, the Andover boys showed why they are the defending Interschols champions, and finished in first place as a team with 70 points, four less than second place NMH.

Leading the way for the Blue was John Friedman '98 who came in third overall with a very respectable time of 16:14.

Captain Kanu Okike '97 and Nate Juras '97 followed close behind with times of 16:47 and 17:01, respectively. Andrew Beasley '98 and Justin Skinner '97 also finished in the top thirty and added the finishing touches to Andover's win.

Going into the race, the boys knew they could win if they ran their best; however, it still came as somewhat of a surprise that they actually pulled off the victory.

This exceptional group of guys is finally starting to come together and have fun during the rigorous training sessions.

There are many theories for why the team is winning now and seems poised to continue winning throughout the rest of the season. The most interesting hypothesis belongs to seniors Okike and Skinner.

The Captain strongly believes that the fact that the daily push-up and sit-up counts are doubling every week is turning the runners into a "bunch of muscleheads."

Skinner, on the other hand, said, "The key to our success is Hunter Washburn's cookies."

Whatever the reasons may be, the boys will look to continue their success next week at the Thetford Invitational, another tough individual race.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	16:14	3
K. Okike	16:47	11

Friedman '98 Wins Thetford Invitational; Andover Finishes Sixteenth Overall

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

In an attempt to allow each runner to learn the most while still trying to succeed as a team, Coach Stableford strategically split the boys' cross-country

into two squads, one which ran Thetford, and one which ran at the Thetford Invitational in Vermont.

At the Thetford Invitational, the squad of boys finished in a respectable sixteenth place out of two teams with a total of 541 points.

John Friedman '98 had another impressive race with a time of 16:24 and an overall first place finish. Despite fighting a horrible stomach ache and being nowhere near one hundred percent, Andrew Beasley finished second for Andover and sixty-

eighth overall.

In general, the individual performances at Thetford were exceptional, and had the entire team participated, the Blue would most likely have won as a team. Even without the team win though, the participants gained much experience necessary for future success.

The Blue took four of the top five spots at Choate en route to the victory. Post-graduate Nate Juras led the way with a time of 16:09 on the 2.95 mile course.

Nnamdi Okike '98 gained needed experience running at the front of the pack, and tied for third with Hunter Washburn '00. With the split-squad, many runners got the chance to run, and the day was quite successful in providing the team with needed experience.

Although Captain Kanu Okike '97 remains out with an injury, the team has continued its terrific work

ethic. Coach Stableford has been impressed with the recent results of the numerous and rigorous speed workouts.

Tomorrow, the Blue travel to St. Paul's to participate in a race which it ought to win; however, next Saturday's race against N.M.H. is extremely important and is the object of much attention.

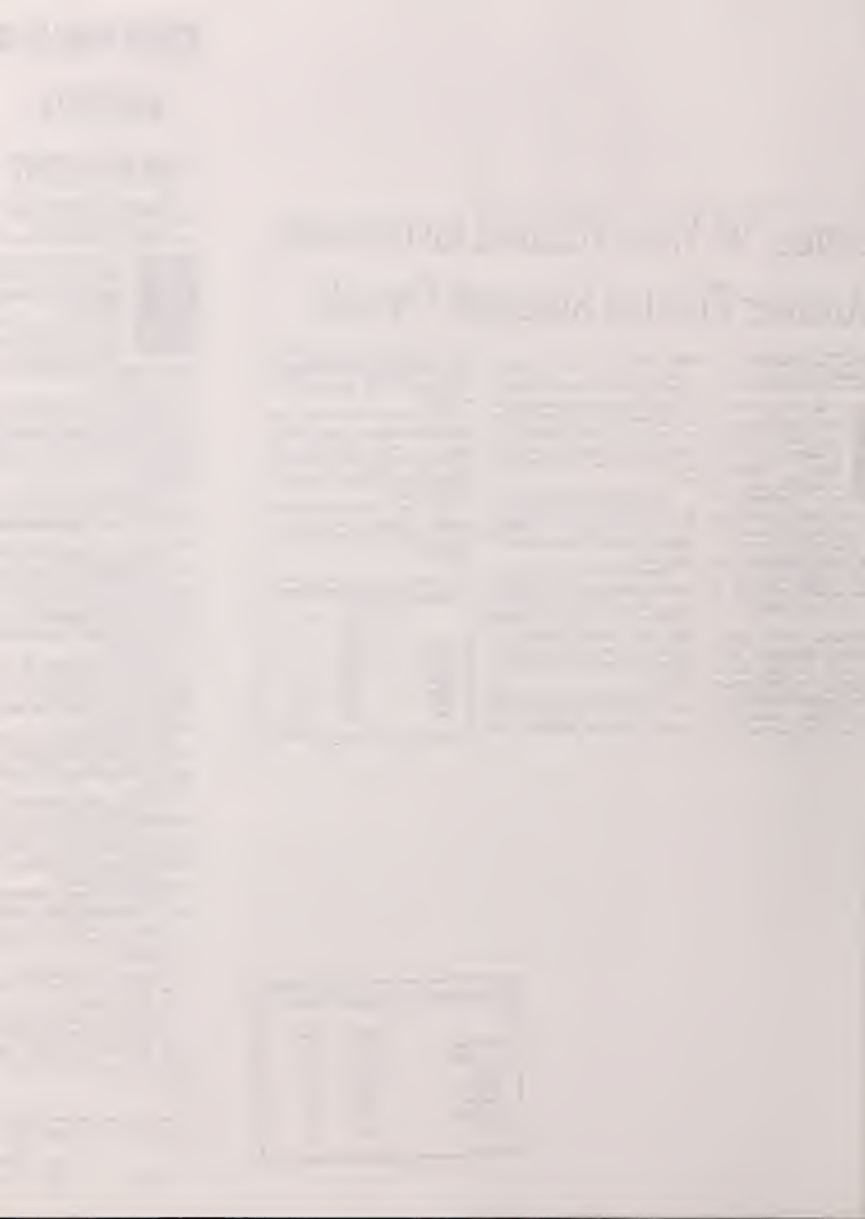
As a team, the Andover runners continue to improve and develop in preparation for the tough races of the near future.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	16:24	1
Beasley	17:38	68
Skinner	17:44	79
Bernman	18:28	184
Dwyer	18:57	253
Prowell	19:04	277
Hsu	19:05	281

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	16:14	3
K. Okike	16:47	11
Juras	17:01	17
Beasley	17:09	22
Skinner	17:23	28
N. Okike	17:40	35
Sykes	18:29	39



Cross Country: Unbeatable

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	23
St. Paul's	32
Andover	21
Thayer	35



Boys' X-C

Despite a number of injuries, the Andover boys' cross-country team went to St. Paul's last Saturday and beat both St. Paul's and Thayer by scores of 23-

32 and 21-35, respectively. Led by John Friedman '98, the race got out to an extremely fast first mile with all of the Andover runners finishing in under 5:30; however, this led to a slower finish and slower overall times. Friedman went on to win the race with a time of 16:40.

Nate Jutras '97, Andrew Beasley '98, and Justin Skinner '97 all finished in the top ten, but the key to this race was the performance of Hunter Washburn '00. Washburn stepped it up and finished tenth overall with an impressive time of 17:37.

Hoggers Outrun Andover

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	25
Andover	30



Boys' X-C

The Andover boys' cross-country team could not overcome a number of challenges, and fell to NMH last Saturday by a score of 30-25.

The first and foremost factor of victory for NMH was the home course advantage. The hilly course in Western Massachusetts measured only 2.55 miles as compared to the normal course of 3.1 miles. The shorter length provided the Blue with

some strategy problems and an extra adjustment in the speed of the race.

Secondly, the Blue was still bothered by a number of lagging injuries. Neither Eliot Sykes '97 nor Colin Dineen '99 ran, and Captain Kanu Okike had to hold back due to his recent knee injury.

The fact that the teams alternated places shows that the Blue could have won if just one or two more runners had stepped it up a bit. In particular, if Okike was at one hundred percent, he certainly would have finished higher and given Andover a better shot at the win.

Despite the loss, the Andover runners were generally pleased with the times under the given circumstances. As they continue preparing for the rest of the season, they now know what they need to do and maintain full confidence that they can beat NMH later.

The next step toward this goal is to beat a less talented Deerfield team tomorrow in front of their onlooking parents. With two weeks to go before Interschols, the team is training hard primarily through speed workouts, and continues to remain focused on the task at hand - a repeat of last year's Interschols' championship.

St. Paul's was a training race and what Coach Stableford calls an "ugly" race, but the Blue escaped with two wins and now looks ahead to tomorrow's extremely important race against NMH.

The Andover runners have been focusing on this race for some time and feel they can certainly defeat the powerful opponents.

Hopefully, the team's health will improve by the time of the Northfield race. The training room has been filled with cross-country runners for the past two weeks, but Captain Kanu Okike '97, Eliot Sykes '97, and Colin Dineen '99 all plan on returning for tomorrow's race.

Captain Okike, who has used his Blue Key experience to cheer the team on from the sidewalk the last two weeks, is unwilling to reveal the team secret to success saying, "that's private, that's private."

Whatever the secret is, the Blue hope that it will continue through tomorrow and for the next three weeks until the big meet of Interschols.

Last year the squad had interschols' wrapped up easily with the likes of Darren Dineen '96 and Ted

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	16:40	1
Jutras	17:09	3
Beasley	17:24	6
Skinner	17:36	9
Washburn	17:37	10
Berman	17:40	16
Okike	18:29	18



In a dominating performance, the boys' cross-country team outran Deerfield by a score of 15-49. Andover took the top six and eight of the top ten places in front of both the parents and an enthused Head of School Chase last Saturday.

In their final chance to run at home this year, the Andover runners did not disappoint the crowd as they turned in a total of five course bests at the Varsity level.

John Friedman '98, Andrew Beasley '98, and Captain Kanu Okike '97 took the early lead and never looked back. Surprisingly, Okike was able to keep up despite his recent injury.

Perhaps the more impressive results, however, were those of Justin Skinner '97, Nnamdi Okike '98, and Jake Berman '99 who all had personal bests. They were able to finish in the next three spots giving Andover a complete sweep of the top six.

With convincing results against a weaker Deerfield squad behind them, the Blue now looks ahead to tomorrow's race against Exeter.

The Andover runners know they are more than capable of beating their arch-rivals, but it is important to give full effort so the team has an indicator of how fast it can run at next week's Interschols meet, also on the Exeter course.

The Exeter course is expected to be both wet and flat, but after a significant amount of training on the track, the boys are confident they can beat the Exies.

Skinner summed up the team's feelings as he said, "We're going to kill Exeter like never before."

So as the boys' cross-country team looks down the road toward revenge against NMH, it continues to prepare vigorously for Exeter, Interschols, and of course, the great challenge of all—the pep rally.

According to Hunter Washburn '00, who also ran a fantastic race, "Everyone pushed to the next level and went beyond their standards." This argument definitely showed in the results, as any one of Andover's top five runners could have dropped out, and the Blue still would have won.

The Andover JV runners also won their race in impressive fashion with an extremely low score of thirty-six. Angus Dwyer '99 and Jake Berman '98 led the way for the JV team with third and fifth overall finishes. The number of returning Varsity runners and the JV results certainly suggest a bright future for the boys' cross-country team.

For now, however, the team has accomplished every goal it set down at the beginning of the season; it has created a successful pep rally skit, and continues to celebrate (although nowhere near the girls' team) the results of their consistent hard work. After all, they are the New England champions.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	15:38	5
Jutras	15:54	7
K. Okike	16:10	8
Beasley	16:18	11
N. Okike	16:29	16
Skinner	16:36	22
Washburn	16:48	32

Cross Country Outpaces Weak Deerfield Foes

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	15
Deerfield	49

Friedman, Cross Country Victorious at Interschols

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



In a splendid performance filled with drive and perseverance, the boys' cross-country team won the Interschols championship for the second straight year last Saturday. The boys fought off the muddy course and tough competition to finish with an amazingly low team point total of forty-seven.

The race started off tragically for the Blue as Justin Skinner '97 got spiked and lost his shoe in the first ten yards of the race. By the time he stopped, put his shoe back on, and started running again, Skinner was a good twenty yards behind the last runner in the race. Yet, he persevered, caught up to the pack, and finished an impressive twenty-second place.

Around the half-way point of the race, it was quite unclear what team was in the lead. Yet, the Andover runners all stepped up and ran a very quick second half to capture the easy win.

As usual, John Friedman led the way for the Blue, and finished fifth overall. Not far behind were Nate Jutras '97 and Captain Kanu Okike '97 who both overcame injuries to finish seventh and eighth, respectively. Jutras' injury is so bad that he will have to spend the next six weeks keeping off the track.

The story of the day, however, was definitely Nnamdi Okike '98 who ran a "beautiful" race and finished sixteenth overall. Nnamdi, along with Friedman and Andrew Beasley '98, who finished eleventh, will provide the Senior leadership next year.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Time	Place
Friedman	16:17	1
K. Okike	17:06	2
Beasley	17:06	2
Skinner	17:21	4
N. Okike	17:31	5
Berman	17:45	6
Washburn	17:55	8
Powell	18:11	10

Boys' X-Country Repeats

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Coming off of a New England championship season, the Andover boys' cross-country team, through off season acquisitions and intense summer training, managed an impressive 1996 showing. Once again, the season culminated in another Interschols victory. The team exhibited not only spectacular individual performances by its leading varsity runners but also demonstrated a growing depth as the squad pulled out an Interschols victory at the JV level as well. In a year marked by inconsistency in most Andover sports, the cross-country team proved itself a brilliant exception on the athletic slate.

The team consisted of a varsity squad composed of Andover's seven fastest runners and a second group of seven runners, following training routines similar to those of the first seven. Runners returned prepared for the brief preseason leading up to the teams first meet at Manchester. Coach Stableford pushed the team with rigorous hill repeats, speed pieces, and extended distance runs. By late September the team was ready to race.

The first race of the season was the Manchester Invitational in New Hampshire, where the best schools of New England, both public and private, come to race. The Big Blue came away with an impressive fifth place overall team finish, the best ever for the team at this event. Individually, John Friedman '98 finished second overall with a time of 16:31 in the 5 kilometer varsity race and secured his spot as the top returnee for next year's race. Kanu Okike '97 ended with a 13th place finish and an impressive early season time for the senior captain. Newcomer Hunter Washburn '00 showed his promise with a spectacular third place finish in the Freshman Race.

Andover then returned home to face

Upper John Friedman Leads the Blue in a Second Consecutive, NEPSAC Championship Season

Belmont Hill in a dual meet. Many returning runners exhibited vastly improved times on the 5 kilometer home course. Because of ideal weather conditions, several personal bests were set.

In its third meet, the Blue won an incredible victory in the gigantic Bay State Invitational in Franklin Park, Boston. On a hot day, Andover runners led by Friedman (3rd place) and K. Okike (11th place) defeated over thirty opponents, including rival NMH, to bring home the trophy.

As October rolled around, Coach Stableford split the squad, sending part of the team to compete at Choate and the rest to enter one of the largest races of the season at Thetford, Vermont. Andover pulled out a solid victory at Choate even without some of the key runners sent to Thetford. Many runners on the second seven had an opportunity to step up and compete in the varsity race and the results were indicative of the team's depth. Although the fragments of the team sent to race on the scenic Thetford course weren't enough in number to produce a team victory, top runner John Friedman ran a nearly perfect race. After following on the leader's shoulder for most of the 5 kilometer race, Friedman pulled away in the last 1000 meters and held off a late charge by the eventual second place finisher to win an incredible victory. After Darren Dineen's '96 victory the previous year, Friedman's win marked the first time the race had been won by different athletes from the same school in consecutive years.

Andover reunited to defeat St. Paul's, Thayer, and Rivers in Concord, New Hampshire the next week. Friedman led from start to finish on the slow St. Pauls course,

missing the course record by only five seconds. Andover runners dominated the middle of the pack as well, with Jake Berman '98 and Washburn stepping it up a level to fill in for K. Okike, who was injured.

The next week the Blue traveled west to face Northfield-Mount Hermon, one team who could challenge Andover for the league title. Friedman lost to the eventual interschols champion, Derek Smith, while Northfield and Andover runners alternated from the two's back. This was the team's only blemish on an otherwise perfect season, but in the end it served as a motivator for the team during the rest of the season.

On parents' weekend the team returned to Andover to race, crushing Deerfield in a race that really wasn't a race. Andover runners took the top six places and then 8th-10th, while the Deerfield runners lagged far behind. The eventual score of the meet was 15-49, one point away from the perfect score of 15-50 (in cross country, the lowest score wins).

Andover's next meet was against Exeter, but more importantly it was at Exeter, the location of the imminent Interschols meet. This gave the Blue an opportunity to preview the course, gaining an invaluable advantage over the other teams in the league who did not have this experience. Andover defeated the Reds handily, taking six out of the first nine places in the race.

One week later, Andover traveled north once again to Exeter for the Interscholastic championship meet. It was in this race that the team finally pulled everything together, as the months of training finally came to fruition. Andover's runners dominated the field, taking 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th, and 16th for a total score of 47 points. NMH, the second place team, finished far behind with 65 points. Nate Jutras '97 and K. Okike, both plagued by injury throughout the season, came through for the Blue with 7th and 8th place finishes, respectively, with Andrew Beasley '99 not far behind in 11th. Nnamdi Okike '98 had a tremendous race, stepping up to the fifth spot, a vital role as the lowest scorer, and missed All-New England honors by one place. Justin Skinner, who was tripped in the opening 200 meters, after recovering and putting a lost shoe back on while the entire field pulled away, battled from absolute last place to 20th, passing 64 runners along the way. If Skinner had not been tripped, the Blue's victory would have been even more impressive.

In the JV race at Interschols, the second seven dominated as well, with all but one runner placing in the top fifteen. This shows exceptional promise for next year as Andover will not only have the top varsity returnees but also the top JV returnees as well who will step up to fill the spots of the departing seniors.

The 1996 season was a nearly flawless season of growth and exertion, commitment and focus, of great coaching and strong running. The team expanded upon the accomplishments of the previous year and improved markedly each week. The Blue eagerly anticipates the up coming season and the chance to defend their Interschols Championship and extend their dynasty to a three-peat.



Kam Okike '97 will pass the the title of captain to brother Nnamdi Okike '98 and to John Friedman '98 for next season.

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SPORT: GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: KATHERINE CROWLEY

MANAGER:

COACH: NANCY TREPANIER

ASSISTANT COACHES: JUDY LANSDOWN

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Bronstein, Shaina M.

Carpenter, Jennifer E.

Crowley, Katherine M. (c)

Dixon, Anne C.

Edelstein, Sari L.

Goldstein, Abbey K.

Jay, Allison M.

Jordan, Laura K.

Langer, Ashley A.

Mitchell, Jasmine M.

Mulhern, Caitlin S.

O'Donoghue, Beibhinn M.

Smith, Berkeley B.

Soraghan, Tara A.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Wed., Sept. 18	Brooks	Away	Away	Canceled
Sat., Sept. 21	Manchester Invitational			
Sat., Sept. 28	Baystate Invitational			2nd place
Sat., Oct. 5	Choate/Thetford		Away	
Sat., Oct. 12	St. Paul's/Thayer/Rvrs	Away		22
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.		Away	20-32
Sat., Oct. 26	Deerfield		Home	20-42
Sat., Nov. 2	Exeter		Away	36-19
Sat., Nov. 9	Interschols at Exeter			3rd place



The boys' and girls' cross-country teams began their seasons with impressive performances at last Saturday's Manchester Invitational. Amidst

tough competition, the Andover runners proved that their hard work during the early season has paid great dividends.

Boys

Last Wednesday, the Andover boys cross-country team breezed past Belmont Hill. The Blue, competing in their first dual meet of the season, took five of the top six places and won by a score of 17-36. "It's early in the season, but people are running better than they have before," said Captain Kanu Okike '97.

John Friedman '98 finished first with a time of 16:21, ten seconds better than his second place finish at the Manchester Invitational last weekend. Following Friedman were Kanu Okike, Justin Skinner '97, and Nnamdi Okike '98. The team's win was even more impressive considering the absence of top runner Nate Tutas '97 who was out with an injury.

"Overall, it was an outstanding team effort. Everyone improved. The outlook this season is looking good," commented Justin Skinner '97.

As expected, Andover's depth and young talent was also displayed in the JV race. Hunter Washburn '00 led the JV team to a 20-36 victory with a time of 18:09. "This can only be good news," added Coach Marc Koolen. The Blue looks for its depth to continue to offset any injuries or challenging conditions.

Last Saturday, the boys' cross-country team competed against fifteen other teams at the Manchester Invitational. Most of the other teams had been training for two to three weeks longer than Andover, but that did not stop the Blue from finishing an impressive fifth. Friedman led the way with a second place overall finish and a time of 16:31. Coach Stableford remarked, "John's second place finish was outstanding. Overall, it was a great team showing."

With the experience and confi-

dence gained from these two races, the boys' cross-country team looks forward to tomorrow's Baystate Invitational, another challenging, individual event. The team is much further ahead of where it expected to be, and with continual hard work and gained experience, the expectations remain high.

Girls

Like the boys, the girls faced a difficult challenge at Manchester because their competition had been training for a much longer time. Yet the girls managed to pull off an eighth place finish out of fifteen teams. Leading the way was Captain Kate Crowley '97 with a time of 21:56. Anne Dixon '97 followed closely behind, and Sari Edelstein '98, Aishah Roberts '98, and Allie Jay '98 finished out the quintet of Varsity runners. This race was really quite productive, as it not only

provided this young team with needed experience, but provided each individual with a better idea of where she stands, and what to work on.

In the JV race, Berkeley Smith '97 and Jasmine Mitchell '99 finished an amazing twentieth and twenty-first places, respectively, out of a field of 213 runners. These two girls are especially important for races such as tomorrow's Bay State Invitational, where seven runners, not five, run for Varsity.

On the whole, the team demonstrated great promise and looks to continue to develop over time. Coach Trepanier said, "We are not looking to push anyone too hard because we want to keep people injury free." As the season progresses, the girls' cross-country team hopes to continue its gradual improvement and be the best it can be by the time Interschols arrive.

Girls, 'Boys' Cross-Country Teams Off to a Great Start

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



While the rain and wind have kept many teams off the courts and fields of Siberia, the girls' and boys' cross-country teams have been training hard

for the beginning of their seasons. Each, after winning Interschols last year, has high expectations for the long season ahead and hopes to be ready to defend its championship when the first week of November arrives.

Girls

The biggest change in the girls' cross-country program this year is the move of Nancy Trepanier from Assistant Coach to Head Coach. "Trep," as the team calls her, has her girls fired up, working hard, and most importantly, having fun. After one week of grueling practice, Captain Kate Crowley '97 sights the unbelievable unity and spirit of this year's team. During the daily three to seven mile runs, the girls are usually singing or talking in order to push each other to the limit. Sari Edelstein '98 says, "Kate is a great captain - her enthusiasm is already overwhelming."

"I'm so excited for this season. Tell all your friends that Andover girls rock," said Crowley.

Tomorrow, the girls will compete in the Manchester Invitational, the first race of the year. Manchester is an extremely competitive race with the best runners from New England; however,

Crowley will be running for Varsity on Saturday. All five are returning last year and look to form a solid core. The JV runners will give the team depth, an absolute necessity of a winning team.

The girls' cross-country team's main focus is having fun while training hard. As long as it remains healthy and happy, the team will continue to grow stronger and closer to its ultimate goal - another Interschols championship.

Boys

Despite the loss of last year's stars Darren Dineen and Ted Gillick, the boys' cross-country team is showing great promise. Back for his fourth year on Varsity is Captain Kanu Okike '97. Kanu's hard work ethic has worn off on the team and Coach Stableford is amazed at the daily effort of every runner.

With less speed at the top than last year, this team plans to win with its depth. Post-graduate Nate Tutas adds the front running speed the team so greatly needs. John Friedman '98, Andrew Beasley '98, and Okike make up an extremely strong core group which may be better than any team's in the league. Justin Skinner '97, Nnamdi Okike '98, Colin Dineen '99, Hunter Washburn '00, and Jake Berman '98 will add tremendous depth.

The boys' all-out time trial through the rain on Tuesday afternoon gave a great preview of the talent the boys possess for this season. "where we are going."

The boys' cross-country team will rely on its hard work ethic and fantastic depth to lead it through the season

Girls' "Phenomenal" In Baystate Invitational

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Girls' X-C

In what the Boston Globe called the "elite" McIntyre race at the Baystate Invitational last Saturday, the girls' cross-country team ran at a level which was both unexpected and phenomenal.

Entering the race, the girls expected to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack, maybe eighth or ninth, but a tremendous team effort put them in second place overall behind an extremely powerful Newton South team.

Captain Kate Crowley '97 led the way with a time of 20:39 and an eleventh place finish, but four Andover runners—Allison Jay '98,

Anne Dixon '97, Sari Edelstein '98, and Berkely Smith '97—followed close behind. All five runners finished between eleventh and twenty-third, and three finished consecutively. The closeness of these finishes truly demonstrates that this win really was a team effort.

The JV runners also had an impressive race finishing fourth as a team. Caitlin Mulhern '99, in her first race ever, amazingly finished second overall out of 159 runners.

All eight of the JV runners finished in the top fifty which shows the depth of this team.

After the race, Coach Trepanier simply said, "the individual performances were very strong."

Edelstein also summed up the day by saying, "The day was bright and

successful for the whole team. Everyone ran well, and we're looking ahead toward the private school races."

Indeed, looking ahead is what this team is doing. In the near future, they see a hard course at the Thetford Invitational tomorrow.

More importantly, however, they see long-term promise and continuation of this past week's success.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY

	Time	Place
Crowley	20:39	11
Jay	21:24	19
Dixon	21:31	21
Edelstein	21:33	22
Smith	21:35	23
Roberts	22:10	38
Mitchell	22:22	45

GIRLS' CAN'T KEEP PACE

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
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Girls' X-C

The girls' cross-country team has been working extremely hard, and is now at the level of training necessary in order to overcome elite competition.

Last Saturday, their improvement showed through in their strong, although not winning, finishes. They participated in two separate races, the Thetford Invitational and a dual meet against Choate.

At the Thetford Invitational, a five kilometer race featuring fifty teams and 507 runners, the split squad of Andover girls finished thirteenth with 456 points. Leading the way as usual was Captain Kate Crowley '97 who finished in forty-sixth place with a time of 20:54. Veteran uppers Allison Jay and Sari

Edelstein finished close behind in seventy-second and ninetieth places, respectively.

But the brightest spot of the day may have been the improved running of JV members Caitlin Mulhern '99, Jasmine Mitchell '99, and Tara Sorahan '00. With her usual excitement about the team, Edelstein summed up the day, "Considering that we ran Thetford as a workout, the times are especially promising. Many of the JV runners are really developing."

Meanwhile, at another course in another state, the other half of the team was running at Choate. Anne Dixon '97 and Berkely Smith '97 led the way for the other half of the squad, and finished third and fourth, respectively. Although Choate pulled out the victory, the Blue showed promise under difficult conditions with a limited number of varsity runners.

This past week, the girls have been training extremely rigorously with both speed and up-hill workouts. Captain Crowley noted that the team is really coming together in these tough workouts, pushing each individual to her absolute maximum effort.

Tomorrow, the girls travel to St. Paul's for an important head to head meet. St. Paul's is usually strongest at the beginning of the season, and the Andover girls know that if they can pull off a win this week, the future will look quite bright.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

Runner	Time	Place
Crowley	20:54	46
Jay	21:20	72
Edelstein	21:30	90
Mulhern	22:12	141
Mitchell	22:26	153
Sorahan	23:56	260

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Crowley '97 Leads Cross Country

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
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Andover	20
NH	37



Against the perennial powerhouse N.M.H., the Andover girls' cross-country team put together an amazing effort and finished on top by a score of 20-

Captain Kate Crowley led the team the best of the way, but she did not for the last hundred yards, finished second overall to her long time nemesis from N.M.H. Anna Tinkler '97.

The team's goal going into the race, however, was to have as many Andover runners as possible finish before N.M.H.'s second runner. Andover achieved this goal by taking four out of the top seven places. The team looks to continue this successful "pack running" strategy throughout the rest of the season.

According to Crowley, Anne Nixon '97 ran an extraordinary race. Nixon finished third overall with a time of 17:41, and gave Andover the win it needed to handily win the race.

Elated, Sari Edelstein '98 summed up the race, "Saturday was a great day. JV and Varsity really tilted together and the victory gives us a lot of confidence as we approach these last crucial meets."

This momentum boost is even bigger after considering the tough defeat last week at the hands of St. Paul's. Hopefully, the confidence will carry through tomorrow's first and only home race of the season. Deerfield comes to town already an underdog, but with the further disadvantage of the rowdy Andover parents cheering from the sidewalk.

Similar to last week versus NMH, Deerfield has one runner who is much better than the rest of her team, so the Blue will try to have many runners ahead of Deerfield's second finisher. The Seniors will be trying especially hard for personal bests as it is their last race on the Andover course.

With an enormous win and some newfound momentum under their belts, the Andover runners look to finish out the season strongly against Deerfield and Exeter before the season finale at Interschols.

Cross Country Shows Inconsistency

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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At the St. Paul's meet, which was distinguished by many personal bests, the Andover girls' cross-country team beat Thayer 21-36, but lost to host rival St. Paul's 32-23 last Saturday.

Although the girls somewhat underestimated the talents of St.

Paul's they came out running hard and ready to step up to the competition. Captain Kate Crowley '97, Ally Jay '98, and Jenny Carpenter '97 ran three of the six personal best times of 20:31, 21:02, and 22:43, respectively. Carpenter's time was especially noteworthy as she took off an entire fifty-two seconds from her previous personal best.

An vengeful Sari Edelstein '98 summed up the race saying, "I admit we lost, but we gave it a lot of effort. Everyone ran their hearts out, but we've got more in us, and they'll be eating our dust come 'Schols."

Despite the loss to St. Paul's, the girls were pleased with their performances and excitedly continued their training this week. As patented by

Jay, the team's motto is "Life is a highway." Perhaps they exhibit this motto a little too literally when running around the Cluster Soccer fields shouting out chants like teenagers in the back seat of a convertible on the highway. In other words, the team spirit and unity is definitely present and apparent.

Tomorrow, the Blue travels to Northfield-Mount Hermon for a race against a team which is always powerful and at the top level of competition.

As explained by Coach Trepanier, if the Blue has an advantage, it is that although N.M.H. has strong front runners, Andover has better depth. Using this depth, PA hopes to defeat the touted NMH squad.

Girls Stomp All Over Deerfield

by David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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In an extravagant example of "pack running," the Andover girls' cross-country team defeated Deerfield last Saturday by twenty two points. In front of an excited crowd of parents, the girls fought off the hot weather and a mushy trail through the sanctuary and finished with many great times.

Although cross-country is an individual sport, this team finds away

to truly act as a team. The ability to support each other and push each other to the limit was what led the Andover runners to victory. A perfect example of this concept was when Aishah Roberts '98 demonstrated exemplary effort and perseverance to overcome a fall and not let the team down by finishing the race strongly.

Anne Dixon '97 and Sari Edelstein '98 also turned in tremendous efforts as they both ran personal bests with respective times of 20:55 and 20:56. After the race, Edelstein spoke for the team in saying, "We made our parents proud."

The girls now look ahead at tomorrow's race against Exeter, a team which consistently provides the toughest competition for Andover.

Being able to run at Exeter this week is a huge advantage for the Blue as will return to Exeter for next week Interschols.

Because the dual meet is important only for pride and Interschols the most important race of the year the Blue will use tomorrow's race as an indicator as to what strategy to use for next week's meet.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

	Time	Place
Crowley	20:40	2
Dixon	20:55	3
Edelstein	20:56	4
Jay	21:31	5
Mulhern	21:45	6
O'Donoghue	21:58	7
Carpenter	22:25	9

GIRLS TEAR UP EXETER COURSE

by Jeff Myers and David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The spirited girls' cross-country team traversed Exeter's muddy course last Saturday, and finished in third place overall at Interschols. The third

place finish was an encouraging end to a long and successful season for this unified group of girls.

The team's strategy going into the race was to stay with the other teams until the half-way point and try to pass them there; however, this strategy never quite panned out, and the girls fell behind St. Paul's and Exeter, the first and second place finishers, respectively.

The Andover runners started the race lined up directly behind a huge puddle, and, like all the other runners, were soaked for the entire three miles. As a result, many runners fell,

including Anne Dixon '97 who came back to finish nineteenth overall.

Captain Kate Crowley '97 led the Blue with a time of 19:30 and a tenth place finish, while Sari Edelstein '98 followed close behind in twelfth place. But the highlight of the day was definitely Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99. O'Donoghue greatly exceeded her standards and finished a strong twenty-seventh.

As a whole, the Blue finished third out of thirteen teams, ahead of talented teams, such as NMH and BB&N. As demonstrated by their dancing at the awards ceremony, the girls were elated with their results and confident that they had run the best they could.

The Andover JV runners also had a fantastic day as they won their race with a total of points. Jenny Carpenter '97 led the way and finished the race with a huge smile as the overall winner. The strong finish of this young JV team means expectations are high for next year's varsity.

So, another successful season of girls' cross-country has come and gone. Of course, it was made possible by the fabulous Ms. Trepanier who led the girls the entire way. In the words of Edelstein, "Down to the final moment, Trep remained cool and calm, providing support and reassurance." Throughout the season, the girls exemplified the concepts of team and spirit, worked as hard as they could, and most importantly, had fun.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

	Time	Place
Crowley	19:30	10
Edelstein	19:37	12
Dixon	19:58	19
Jay	20:22	25
O'Donoghue	20:28	27
Mulhern	21:01	45
Smith	21:21	50

Andover Girls Impress With a Third Place Finish at Interschols

by Sari Edelstein
SPECIAL TO THE SPORTS PAGE



The 1996 Girls Cross-Country could be a very visible scud around campus this fall. Singing and cheering, they constantly displayed their triumphant spirit. Yet, their achievements are, for the most part, unknown or underrated. The 1995 team graduated a core of outstanding runners, and at the first practice in September, no one knew what to expect from the new lowers, old uppers, few seniors, and the new head coach, Ms. Trepanier. However, from this first practice one thing was clear: the girls were eager, motivated, and excited. The camaraderie emerged early, sparked by the leadership of Kate Crowley '97. Crowley was the constant force that pushed the team, not only with exceptional races, but also with constant encouragement.

The season, composed of eight Saturday races, began with several large invitational meets. The team participated in these meets to build strength and gain experience before competing in dual meets with schools in its league. All efforts and events were in preparation for Interschols, where the New England title is up for grabs.

The first competition of the fall was the Manchester Invitational, which took place on a warm Saturday. Andover brought seven runners, and the individual performances indicated that the team had more potential than expected. The following Saturday the Blue sent a larger contingent to Franklin Park for the Bay State Invitational, where they proved their strength by placing second in the elite McIntyre race. A week later, the team split, forming two separate squads, one of which traveled to Choate while the other headed to Thetford, Vermont. At Choate, the incomplete team was defeated by a narrow margin, and at the Thetford Invitational, several PA runners achieved notable times.

Midway through the season, the team began competing in races with other prep schools. Though tired and plagued by common running injuries, the team's spirit was invincible. Crowley, Ally Jay '98, Anne Dixon '97 and Sari Edelstein '98 lead the team through these dual races. A heart-breaking close loss to St. Paul's was crushing, but it gave the team fuel and motivation. The girls looked toward the New England Championships with determination, hoping to put St. Paul's in its place. Through grueling speed workouts in the rain, endless runs, and crazy Fridays, the dedicated runners became better competitors and better friends. These friendships made the season a success, making the entire experience worthwhile.

In late October, half the team rose early to take the PSATs and then boarded the bus to Northfield Mt. Hermon. NMH has always been a major rival of the cross-country team, and this year it was no different. Crowley had a long-time nemesis to deal with, and the rest of the team panicked when they learned the course was a non-traditional length of 2.5 miles, full of hills. It was on this misty Saturday that the team finally came together. The victory was by a wide margin, with Crowley leading the way. Following closely behind were Anne Dixon, Edelstein, Caitlin

Mulhern '99, Jay, Smith, and Roberts. The JV squad also completely conquered Northfield, as Senior Jenny Carpenter and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 sprinted the straight-away far in front of the competition. With Interschols a mere three weeks away, hopes grew high.

On parents' weekend, the cross-country team faced Deerfield at home, the only chance the team had to race on its pristine home course. A crowd observed from the steps of the Addison Gallery of Art with fear in their eyes as a Deerfield runner finished way ahead of the pack. To everyone's relief, Crowley, Dixon, Edelstein, Jay, and Mulhern were not far behind, and placed second through fifth, ensuring a victory.

As has been the tradition, the Exeter dual meet was next, and the race was conveniently scheduled at Exeter, the same course being used for Interschols the following week. Not only would the team become familiar with the real competition but also with the terrain.

When five Exeter girls placed in front of the entire Andover squad, everyone was worried a repeat performance was bound to occur the next Saturday. Former coach Steve Anderson had come down to watch, and while he offered support the team was distraught and concerned. It was Coach Trep who stepped up at this time to offer strategies and support. The final practices were more serious, and the team's mission was clear. The Exeter course, flatter than those the team had trained on, was a disadvantage, but the Andover girls entered the championship with confidence.

Interschols took place on a rainy November day. On the starting line, St. Paul's glared and Exeter huddled, Andover remained calm and composed. Crowley provided one of her ritual pep talks, and the gun went off. About nineteen minutes later, the racers began to pour out of the woods. St. Paul's and Exeter dominated the first pack, and with Crowley and Edelstein as the only blue shirts in the top fifteen, it was doubtful

whether Andover would even place.

Minutes later, Dixon, Jay, Mulhern Smith, and O'Donoghue crossed the line, and fingers were crossed as the results were processed. Covered in mud and sweat and tears, the team remained supportive. They had placed third, behind Exeter and St. Paul's, and it was cause for celebration. There had been large improvement in time from the previous week, and everyone had displayed an incredible effort.

With several returning Lowers and Uppers, the future looks even brighter: Caitlin Mulhern, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Tara Soragan, Jasmine Mitchell, and Kate Nesin are some of these lowers whose strong performances added depth and captured the gold in the JV race. Though the season came to a close months ago, the friendships continue; the 1996 Girls Cross-Country team completed another successful season, and will look to make their friendship work for them in a title run next year.



Aisha Roberts '98 pushes through to the end of the race early in the season. The Andover girls will miss Roberts in their quest to return to the highest ranks of New England Cross Country next season.

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Kate Crowley '97

by David Shuman
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Spirit. It's what Kate Crowley exemplifies and spreads. Through it, she has molded a group of girls with one common interest into teammates, supporters, and friends. As captain of the girls' cross-country team, Kate has taught her fellow runners the way of Kate Crowley - the way of never-ending spirit.

"Every day this term, cross-country was the highlight of my day," said Kate. Yet, she was not always so enthusiastic about running. Halfway through the fall term of her lower year, Kate was cut from JV2 soccer. Left without a sport, she decided to follow in the footsteps of her father and older sister Beth and try cross-country. Crowley had not done very much running, nor did she enjoy the sport very much, but she had nothing better to do and gave it a shot.

Throughout the remainder of the term, Kate improved quickly and continuously. Her first exciting moment in cross-country came when she finished third on the team and fourth overall at the JV Interschols race. Crowley had never done that well, and finally, she understood the appeal in running.

After strong seasons of winter and spring track, Kate returned to the cross-country scene last fall with a positive attitude and a determination to improve. Under the guidance of friend and coach Steve Anderson, Kate improved at an unbelievable pace. Crowley ran at the varsity level, and at the end of the season, she led the team to the Interschols championship with her fifth place overall finish.

In preparation for a successful season as captain of the team this year,

Crowley participated in the Dartmouth running camp last summer. The competition at Dartmouth was tough, but Kate put forth a tremendous effort and finished sixth out of forty runners with a time of 21:27 in the final race of the camp. She was also proud to win the

with longtime nemesis Erin Lyman. Although she lost in the last hundred meters, Kate ran one of the best races of her life.

Although Crowley finished first on the team in almost every race, her role as captain was far more important.



annual Kennebunk Police Department Road Race and the coinciding prize, a stick of Tom's of Maine deodorant. With summer success behind her, Kate returned to school poised to lead the cross-country team to another fun and prosperous season.

This year, Kate started out very slowly. "The toughest part for me was that I was at the stage where the improvements came in much smaller steps," said Crowley. Finally, she peaked at the race versus NMH. For the entire race, Kate ran step by step

Cross-country is an individual sport. In many invitational, the team scores don't even count. Yet, to Crowley's credit, the 1996 Andover girls' cross-country team was actually a team.

Kate's spirit, dedication, and "invincible spirit" quickly spread throughout the team, and the girls could be seen singing songs while running around Siberia, tossing a tennis ball back and forth while traversing the Great Lawn, and even counting their stretches in "moos." These tactics may seem immature or just plain stupid at

first, but the team unity contributed greatly to its success.

The girls did very well in the early season invitationals, won all but two matches, and finished a strong third at Interschols. The top strategy they used throughout the season was "pack running," where they tried to run together and have as many people as possible finish ahead of the opposing team's second runner. Because of the true closeness of the girls, the strategy worked magnificently and led the team to many victories.

Kate credits her success to her two coaches, Anderson and this year's coach Nancy Trepanier, and to the inspiration and support of her family. On Kate, Coach Trepanier said, "She's absolutely an outstanding captain. She beautifully balanced her role as leader of the team with her attention to her own progress." Kate also had many positive words about her coach, saying, "She is an extremely supportive and sensitive coach who always knows exactly what to tell me, never fails to get me psyched, and always pushes me to the limit."

In the classroom, Kate is a diligent worker who likes to share her talents as much as possible by teaching others. She can be seen in the Garver room until the late hours of the night, and is always working hard.

Kate Crowley is a high-spirited, dedicated individual. Put simply, she built a team, a group of friends, and then led them through a fun filled season of cross-country. Kate's attitude is always positive, her work ethic is always rigorous. Perhaps the thoughts of Kate Crowley herself during a miserable race against Exeter demonstrate her dedication better than anyone could explain. "I can't give up, there's no refuge in surrender, no sanctuary in defeat."

SPORT: FIELD HOCKEY

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: MARY BARENSFELD & MELITA SAWYER

MANAGER:

COACH: KATE DOLAN

ASSISTANT COACHES: Martha Fenton

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Field Hockey - GV

Barensfeld, Mary E. (CC)

Burnes, Rachel C.

Dougherty, Erin C.

Dunwell, Krystle L. (H)

Gutner, Rebecca H.

Hunter, Stephanie M.

Macmillan, Katharine

Madera, Morgan J.

Mehta, Reena

Miner, Anne C.

Mulvey, Alexandra S.

Nigro, Catherine

Platt, Anne D.

Sawyer, Alice T.

Sawyer, Melita (CC)

Schwartz, Deborah

Stewart, Katherine

Zucker, Morgan

FIELD HOCKEY

Sat., Sept. 14	Groton (Scrimmage)	Home	0-0
Wed., Sept. 18	St. Mark's (scrimmage)	Away	Canceled
Sat., Sept. 21	Brewster	Away	" Play Day "
Wed., Sept. 25	Winsor	Away	2-1
Sat., Sept. 28	Tabor	Home	4-0
Wed., Oct. 2	Governor Dummer	Away	2-0
Sat., Oct. 5	Choate	Away	3-1
Wed., Oct. 9	No game		
Sat., Oct. 12	Noble & Greenough	Away	2-0
Wed., Oct. 16	Thayer	Home	3-0
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.	Away	1-1
Wed., Oct. 23	St. George's	Away	3-0
Fri., Oct. 25	Deerfield	Home	0-0
Wed., Oct. 30	Middlesex	Away	2-1
Sat., Nov. 2	Pingree	Away	6-0
Wed., Nov. 6	K.U.A.	Home	2-2
Sat., Nov. 9	Exeter	Home	2-0
Wed., Nov. 13	Tournament-Choate @ St. Mark's		3-0
Sat., Nov. 16	" St. Paul's @ UNH		1-2

Girls Field Hockey Starts With A Bang and a Bust

by David Weiner
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Cushing	0
Andover	0
Groton	0

The summer is over. Pre-season is a memory of the past. New Students are oriented. Old students have returned. Classes have begun and Fall term sports are officially underway. With the commencement of fall term sports comes the beginning of the all-ways exciting Varsity Field Hockey season.

Continuing with trends of years past, a plethora of girls returned early to school for the dreaded week known as pre-season, but also for the distinct classification of becoming a varsity athlete. Only a select few can have this honored title, yet there were so many with the desire.

After running the girls ragged during five days of double sessions, coaches Martha Fenton and Kate Dolan were faced with a tough decision. So much wonderful talent, so few open spaces on the team. Finally, after much deliberation, the team roster was posted and the fate of each player was decided.

Last year's team was abundant with young talent. Although an inexperienced team, they were able to recover from a lachuster start and finished their season with an eleven game winning streak and three ties. The culmination of their season included the last spot in the New England tournament. Although they were unable to continue their win streak once they reached the tournament, the season was a success. It is the hope of this year's team not

only to reach the tournament, but to delve deep into and return home with the New England Championship.

Captained by seniors Melita Sawyer and Mary Barenfeld, the team will possess strong leadership and maintain discipline. Returning players along with Barenfeld and Sawyer include fellow seniors Steph Hunter, Katie Stewart, Anne Platt, Deb Schwartz, Rebecca Gliner, and Ren Melita. Anne Miner '98, Erin Dougherty '98, Tysie Sawyer '99, and Rachel Burns '99 are returning as well. Those few non-returning players who were able to earn spots were junior Kate MacMillan, lower Morgan Madera, and seniors Katherine Nigro and Morgan Zucker.

With a strong core of returning players, superior leadership from coaches Fenton and Dolan and captains Sawyer and Barenfeld, nobody knows where these girls can go. Erin Dougherty offered this, "We are going to be very good. We need to work hard to win and if we do work hard, everything will come together."

The girls have already had two chances to display their skills by handily defeating Cushing three to nothing and finishing in a dead lock stalemate with Groton. In the Cushing game, the girls played soundly with each captain netting a goal and Rebecca G. As one team member put it, "We came out strong and hopefully this will be how our season continues".

Although the Groton game lacked offensive punch. The superior defense line of Andover held Groton to a mere three shots on goal.

In both games, last year's back-up goalie Ren Melita was relieved of heavy pressure because of the defensive ball in front of her. Melita looks to be the backbone of the team as she hopes to continue her dominance be-

tween the pipes.

With the roster completed, scrimmages a thing of the past, and the season looming in the near future, the girls cannot wait to work toward their ultimate goal: a New England Championship. They plan to take the season one game at a time, but they know what waits at the end of the rainbow.

Field Hockey Impressive In 'Playday' Tournament

by David Weiner
SPECIAL TO THE PHILIPPIAN

Andover Winsor

The best feeling an athlete can have is to win a game. Each person on their respective team perseveres hours of torturing practice to improve their skills and prepare for competition. When game day arrives, the adrenaline rush and excitement are unprecedented. The ultimate feeling of success, though, despite all those hours of practice and preparation, will only come if the team emerges victorious.

This is a feeling that the Girls' Varsity Field Hockey has become accustomed to. Not only do these girls know how to win, but they have done it nine times in a row. Through pre-season, a six game tournament, and the opening game of the season, these girls have continually dominated their opponents and had just one goal scored against them.

Contrary to last season's dismal

start of 0-4, the girls have put themselves in a superb position in the beginning stages. Assuming they can continue their string of success, they will easily claim a higher rank in the New England Tournament at the close of the season.

Last Saturday, the team traveled the long road to Brewster Academy to participate in something called "Playday". This is where Andover, along with six other teams, play each other in twelve minute games in a round robin format tournament.

This long day of field hockey did not phase anyone on the Andover team, as they easily handled four of the teams, and tied the other two. Over the six game span, Andover scored nine goals while allowing none. To sum up the day, Captain Melita Sawyer '97 offered, "It was a nice day and a good last practice before the grueling regular season."

On a nice, but somewhat cool day, the girls in Blue boarded their school bus and headed off on their forty-five minute ride to Winsor Academy, where they once again displayed their

arsenal. Although the score does not indicate it, Winsor was no match for the Big Blue, as Andover easily controlled their weaker opponents. During the first two minutes of the game, Andover experienced some "Defensive confusion", as Anne Minor '98 put it, but after getting that out of their system, Andover picked up their game and played well.

In response to their defensive lapses, co-Captain Mary Barenfeld '97 netted a goal off a corner pass from Sawyer. Andover's second goal was scored by lower Morgan Madera '99, as she redirected a shot into the back of the net.

With their success of late, the team is feeling a sense of confidence that will only continue to build with every win. The team is hitting their stride in the early going, and looks to ride that wave of confidence through to their ultimate goal: the New England Championship. Assuming the team sustains their stifling defense and powerful offense, that goal should be well within reach.



Rachel Burnes '99 pushes the ball downfield in their game against Tabor

Photo / O. Mark

by David Weiner
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	4
Tabor	0

Andover	2
Governor Dummer	0

Well, it is official. No one in New England is going to be able to beat the Andover Field Hockey team. If they do, then it will be a fluke, because this team is far and away the best in New England.

The team's winning streak was extended to eleven this week as the girls handily defeated both Tabor and Governor Dummer Academy by scores of four to zero, and two to zero respectively.

Through hard work and determination, this team has molded themselves into a finely-tuned unit that is unstoppable. Their skills are unprecedented, but it is the team chemistry that puts them over the top.

The discipline that has been ingrained in the team by coaches Martha Fenton and Kate Dolan, along with the strong leadership of captains Melita Sawyer '97 and Mary Barends '97, has helped these girls create a wave of confidence that they can ride through the season.

Tabor

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the Andover girls unloaded their well-oiled machine on an unsuspecting Tabor team.

Throughout the entire game,

Tabor's defense was ill-prepared for an aggressive Andover team which quickly netted four goals.

Barends led by example as she scored two goals along; Deb Schwartz '97 and Anne Platt '97 netted goals of their own.

All the goals were results of the fantastic passing by Andover. The girls continuously made passes to the open field, which allowed teammates to redirect the ball towards Tabor's helpless goalie.

Erin Dougherty '98 was caught saying "Last year's game was close, but this team just couldn't compete. We all played really well."

On that note, the team moved past this meek opponent and prepared for Governor Dummer.

Governor Dummer

After two days of tortuous running, shooting and passing, the girls boarded the bus for the short ride to Governor Dummer. The team stepped off the bus, strapped on their shoes, and prepared for war.

This was a defensive game throughout, and Andover was forced to hold off a meek offensive rush put forth by the opposition. The Andover defensive, led by seniors Steph Hunter '97 and Katie Stewart '97, held off this futile rush and there was never even a threat of a Governor Dummer goal.

Again, Barends displayed her leadership skills on the field as she baffled the opposing net minder twice, once on a penalty stroke, and the other on a shot from the field.

Other contributors to this effort were Rebecca Gutner '97 and Melita

Now, after eleven games, this powerful team has allowed one goal while scoring over twenty. This is a dominance displayed by no other team in recent years.

The team, although they need to continue to work hard, has hit its stride early and only hopes to ride their wave of confidence all the way to the New England tournament.

However, rival Choate stands in their way this coming Saturday. Billed as one of the biggest games of the season, the team plans to unleash their skills, win and move on to the next opponent.

They take it one game at a time, but they know what awaits after they win them all.

Girls Crush League's Best

by David Weiner

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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over	3
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The streak continues as this week's field hockey team defeated formidable opponents, improving its record to seven and 0. No one has discovered the secret to this potent Andover team and season unfolds, it appears that the team's toughest competition of the season, they remain a hard-worked group that hopes to continue their string of success.

For the last two seasons, the team against Nobles has always been fought battle. Both teams have been tied to the wire, but Nobles has won both times by the "teeth." The Andover girls, however, had a different outcome in their minds. Knowing that as one of the seasons' biggest "nerves," everyone was a little nervous. After those nerves settled when the whistle blew.

From the outset, this was an intense game as both teams moved all up and down the field. The 11th Step Hunter '97 offered, "as an incredible game to witom the sidelines". The defense on both sides held strong in the ending, but the Andover offense picked the Nobles defense.

Co-Captain Mary Barendfeld bobbled the ball between two defenders and easily beat the helpless



Mary Barendfeld '97 challenges her Thayer opponent for control of the ball Photo / O. Tripp

goalie.

With the Andover defensive line holding Nobles to few offensive chances, Andover netted another goal. Rachel Burns '99 received a pass, moved in towards the net and then fired the ball past the goalie. Nobles continued to be unable to mount a surmountable offensive attack, and as time expired, Andover emerged with the victory that had eluded them for the past two years.

Elated about their upcoming night home game, the team practiced hard before their match with Thayer. Last season's Thayer squad included two players that were part of the U.S. National Field Hockey team, yet the Blue was still able to defeat their opponents 1-0. This year, however, Thayer had less talent and Andover, although playing a somewhat sloppy game, was able to win the game by a score of 3-0. Again, Barendfeld led

by example as she netted the teams first two goals, while lower Tysie Sawyer finished up the scoring with a beautiful tip in of a Deb Schwartz '97 shot.

Other Co-Captain Melita Sawyer '97 played a solid game as she continuously moved the ball up field and gave her teammates numerous scoring chances. Defenders Anne Miner '98 and Katie Stewart '97 helped keep the ball away from goalie Ren Mehta '97 who has let up only one goal and pitched her second shutout of the season.

These two key wins have proven to this young team that they can play with even the toughest competition. It is this confidence that will carry them through upcoming games against Northfield Mount Hermon, Deerfield, and Exeter, and will put them into the New England tournament.

Chokes Choate In 3-1 Victory

by David Weiner

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	3
Choate	1

The girls' field hockey team continues to steam roll whatever opposition is put in front of them. With six wins and two ties in preseason to go along with five wins in the regular season, this team knows where it wants to go. This week the girls conquered Choate by two goals.

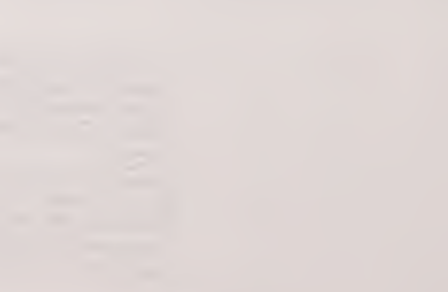
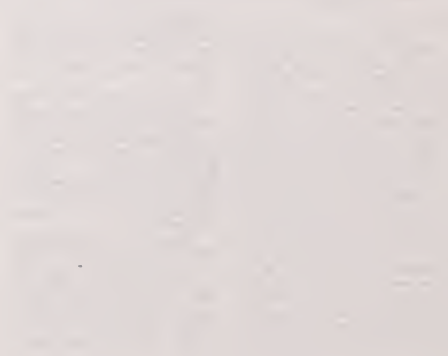
Every year, Choate provides Andover with stiff competition. The game is always a physical battle and only the toughest team can survive regardless of talent. This years contest was no different as both teams came out fighting. The game's tempo was set early as Andover's aggressive offensive attack put Choate back on their heels. Led by Captains Mary Barendfeld '97 and Melita Sawyer '97, Andover did not allow Choate any breathing space with continuous assaults on their goal. Provided with a penalty stroke in the first half Barendfeld easily beat the Choate goalie tender and gave the Blue an early lead. The Andover onslaught continued as Barendfeld fooled the Choate net minder for a second time. Rachel Burns '99 netted her first goal of the season off a corner pass from Anne Platt '97.

Melita Sawyer put forth a strong effort both offensively and defensively, consistently clearing the ball out of Andover's half of the field. Steph Hunter '97 and Katie Stewart '97 were the other defensive stalwarts that allowed Choate a lone goal, this only the second given up by Andover all season. Katherine Nigro, making her second start of the season, played well, stopping nearly all the Choate offensive threats including a breakaway.

On Wednesday, the team was awarded a much needed off day. The team watched videos of their previous games in hopes of catching little details to help improve their game. After a day of rest, the team hit the practice field once again and began preparation for one of their toughest opponents of the season: Nobles. Barendfeld offered, "Nobles will be a very tough game. They have beaten us the past couple seasons, but we have a strong team. We just need to take it one game at a time."

"One game at a time" has become the motto of this young and powerful team. With hard practices and steady improvement by both old and new players alike, this team has molded itself into a well-oiled machine.

The team now awaits the next opponent they can test their machine against. The season is young and there are many games to be played before the New England tournament. As long as the team takes things one game at a time, however, that tournament will not seem so far away.



by David Weiner
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Andover	1
NMH	1

Andover	3
St. George's	0

The girls' field hockey team continued their success this week, however they did not play with the cohesiveness and intensity which they had in previous games. Although the team prepared well for what posed to be the season's toughest game, they were mildly outplayed by a talented Northfield Mount-Hermon team and were only able to emerge with a tie. The girls, determined to right their winning ways, completely dominated Wednesday's game against St. George's and easily defeated their meager opponents.

After waking up early and eating a "filling" commons brunch, the girls prepared to endure the long bus ride out to NMH. Knowing that this was supposed to be the climax of their undefeated season, each player was ready to give everything they had.

This game, however, did not go as the Blue had planned. Rather than displaying the potent offense that has carried them through this season, Andover was pushed back on their heels as most of the game was played in their defensive zone.

Because Northfield was afforded so many offensive chances, goalie Catherine Nigro '97 was forced to make numerous saves. Along with the stellar play of Nigro came other standout defensive play from Anne Miner '98 and Katie Stewart '97 who continually cleared the ball from in front of the Andover net.

This is not a game the girls wish to remember. Although the game ended in a tie, it felt like a loss to the Blue. The girls were disappointed with their play and know that they need to play at a higher level to win the coveted New England title. On a positive note, lower Rachel Burns offered that this was a game that will make a team play harder and become stronger.

St. George's

With that in mind, the girls in Blue once again boarded the bus for another long ride to play St. George's.

ways. From the outset, Andover dominated the game offensively, testing the St. George's goalie almost forty times. New offensive threat Hunter netted her second goal of the season while co-Captain Mary Barendsfield '97 scored two. With her strong play at center midfield, co-Captain Melita Sawyer '97 adeptly placed passes that created scoring chances for her teammates.

The Andover defense thwarted any offensive chance that St. George's had and the few shots they put on goal were saved by goalie Ren Mehta '97. Sawyer was a presence in the backfield as well as she helped her defensive counterparts clear the ball up field.

This was an all-around strong game for the Blue as they found their stride once again. With their Parent's Weekend game under the lights against Deerfield approaching on Friday, the girls want more than ever to continue their winning ways. A win in front of their parents will be a



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Hunter '97 Provides Offense In Victory Over Middlesex; Field Hockey Is Tops In New England

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Andover	0
Deerfield	0
Andover	2
Middlesex	1

This team provided the same results as last week as the girls' field hockey team recorded a tie and a win. Despite playing well enough to win on Parents' Weekend, the girls tied an overrated Deerfield squad. Wednesday's match against Middlesex proved to be a tough one as the girls were forced to score two goals in the second half in order to win.

Deerfield

Each year, the girls are provided with the luxury of a game under the lights. This year, that game came on parents' weekend, thus making a win extra special. Although Andover controlled the pace of the game throughout, their efforts were fruitless as they were unable to erase the gooseegg from the scoreboard.

From the outset of the game, the girls controlled the pace of play, keeping the ball in the offensive zone for much of the game. Adeptly passing the ball and continually testing the Deerfield goalie, the squad was confident that they would eventually score.

Deerfield was allowed few offensive opportunities, all of which they attempted to take advantage of. However, the stellar defensive play of Morgan Zucker '97 and Katie Stewart '97 combined with the outstanding net play of both Katherine Nigro '97 and Ren Mehta '97 quelled Deerfield's few chances.

As the game drew to a close, Andover saw a flurry of scoring chances pass them by. Shots by Rebecca Gutner '97, Melita Sawyer '97, and Rachel Burns '99 were all turned away by the Deerfield goalie.

After the game, Melita commented about the Deerfield goalie by saying, "It's not that she was good, we just shot everything right at her. When you do that, you certainly can't score." That statement held true as Andover failed to score for the first time this season.

The team was encouraged by by their performance as their dominant

play on both sides of the ball is just what the team is looking for through the home stretch of the season.

Middlesex

Coming off their second tie in three games, the girls were looking to find the commanding play that brought seven consecutive wins at the beginning season. A game versus Middlesex was just what the team was looking for.

However, the game did not begin as they had planned. Throughout the first half, play moved up and down the field as both teams were looking for an early score. On a fluke play, Middlesex was able to net the first goal and keep their lead throughout the first half. Aside from allowing the one goal, Katherine Nigro tended the net well through the first half. Andover's defense was once again anchored by Zucker who continued to clear the ball away from the front of the net.

As the second half opened, the girls in Blue felt the need to score. With this thought in mind, they took control on the game and tested the Middlesex goalie with a deluge of shots. Fortunately for the Blue, the ball bounced their way as both goals were scored off deflections. Step: Hunter '97 scored her third goal of the season when she fired a shot from inside the circle that hit the stick of Middlesex defender and ricocheted into the ball into the back of the net. Burns, moments later, also fired a bullet that was redirected between the pipes giving Andover a two to one lead.

The Andover defense was called on once more in the games' waning moments as Middlesex made a final attempt to even the score. However all shots were successfully cleared away by the Andover defense.

The ability to comeback from behind and then defend a lead demonstrated another side of this powerful Andover team. Potent offense combined with consistent defense has made this team one of the strongest in New England. As the regular season winds down, the girls are preparing themselves for a battle with Exeter before they move on to the New England tournament. By continuing the strong play they have displayed throughout the season, this team hopes to demolish their remaining opponents.



erely misses wide in the team's Photo / O. Mark
erfield. Despite the team's dominance, they

Andover	2
Exeter	0
Andover	3
Choate	0

Finally, after eight weeks of rigorous practice and stiff competition, the girls completed their undefeated season. With a convincing two to nothing defeat of arch-rival Exeter on Saturday, the Girls' Field Hockey team capped off their perfect season in style. Then, after pocketing this victory, they moved on to the first round of the New England Tournament as the number three seed. There the team continued their success by defeating Choate three to nothing. The girls are once again playing with the intensity they showed during the early parts of the season, and look to ride their wave of success out to Hotchkiss this weekend, where they will play the final rounds of the tournament.

Exeter

Saturday, before a sea of blue and red, the squad faced off against Exeter. However, the girls made quick work of the Red, playing solid defense early, scoring a first half goal and then padding the lead in the second half to insure a victory.

Last year, this game had serious post-season implications. This year, however, the Blue was already assured a tournament berth and therefore the two things at stake in this game were Andover/Exeter pride and Andover's undefeated season.

At the beginning of the game, Exeter caught the Blue on their heels and took advantage by testing goalie Ren Mehta '97 with solid shots. However, Mehta deflected the shots away and her strong play gave the Andover offense inspiration. Turning the tables, the Blue brought the ball downfield, where they took advantage of their scoring opportunities. Steph Hunter '97 continued to display her offensive capabilities as she netted her fourth goal of the season and put Andover ahead one to nothing, and the team was able to preserve their lead for the remainder of the first half.

The girls in Blue understood their task of playing hard for the next thirty minutes to preserve their undefeated record. Strong defensive play by Katie Stewart '97, along with stellar goaltending by Catherine Nigro '97 preserved the shutout. Mary Barenfeld '97 redirected the rebound of senior Melita Sawyer's

shot into the back of the net, thus putting Andover ahead by two goals and ultimately securing victory.

The girls easily ran the clock down and as time expired, the entire team celebrated by tossing their sticks in the air and piling on top of each other. Their undefeated 10-0-3 record in hand, the girls faced the task of winning the Championship.

Choate

Sunday evening, the team gathered in coach Martha Fentons' apartment and awaited a call from the New England Tournament committee, notifying the girls of their Tournament seed. The call came around 6:15, announcing that the team was seeded third out of eight teams and their first opponent would be Choate Rosemary Hall.

After two more days of rugged practice in the bitter cold, the team boarded a bus headed to St. Marks Academy, the neutral sight chosen for the contest. The one hour ride did not phase the girls, and from the first whistle to the last, Andover outplayed, out-hustled, and outscored their opponents.

Barenfeld tallied the first two goals, redirecting shots by Sawyer and Hunter that were headed towards the net. However, Andover did not feel safe with the two goal lead, and therefore never relaxed their offensive pressure. Both Erin Dougherty '98 and Sawyer played extremely well in the mid-field, dribbling and passing well to help set up scoring chances. The defense, once again was the backbone of the team. Headed by Stewart and Anne Plat '97, the defense allowed Choate only two formidable scoring opportunities, both of which were turned away by Mehta.

Coach Kate Dolan characterized the final five minutes as "amazing." Andover played extremely well, controlling the ball with ease. This control resulted in a penalty stroke which Hunter easily put past the Choate goalie with a perfectly placed shot. The successful shot gave Andover a three goal lead which was plenty to carry them to victory.

Wednesday's win propelled the girls' into the semi-finals to be held at Hotchkiss Academy on Saturday. A win on Saturday puts the team in Sundays' game which determines the winner of the New England Championship. After working hard to achieve their goal of an undefeated season, the team feels that two more victories are attainable. There is only one thing in the eyes of these girls: the New England Title. Two more wins and it is theirs.

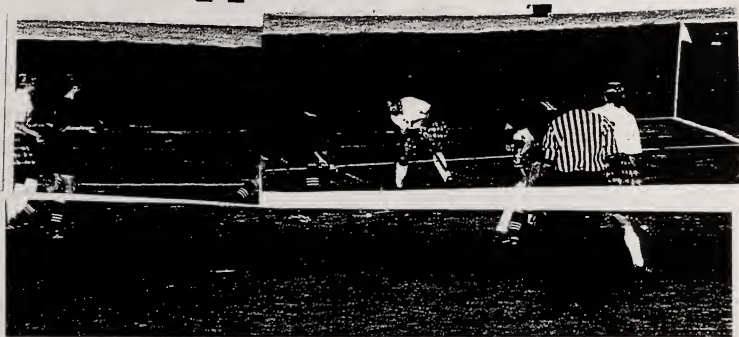
Field Hockey Brings Momentum To Tourney



charge down the field en route to defeating arch-rival, Exeter

Photo / J. Mitchell

Hockey Stopped In Semi-Finals



Field Hockey's hopes of a championship were snuffed by an overpowering St. Paul's offense Photo / O. Tripp

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Andover	3
Choate	0
St. Paul's	2
Andover	1

The New England Field Hockey Tournament is played by the eight teams in New England that, throughout the regular season, have displayed dominance on the field and have acquired a superior record. A selection board chooses the eight teams, and the games are played at neutral sites around New England.

By compiling an undefeated record of ten wins, no losses and three ties, the Andover girls were selected as part of this tournament, and seeded third. In the first round, the squad easily defeated a formidable opponent, Choate, by adeptly passing to open spaces and placing shots that beat a helpless goalie. Unfortunately, the semi-finals were not as kind to the girls in Blue, who succumbed to an exceptional St. Paul's team.

Choate

St. Mark's Academy, an hour's bus ride away, was the neutral spot chosen for the game against Choate. As soon as the Blue departed the bus and warmed up for their game, they made it evident that they planned to make quick work of their opponents and go back home.

From the outset, Choate never had a chance. The Andover defense, headed by Anne Miner '98, Katie Stewart '97 and Anne Platt '97, successfully

shut down any offensive attacks by the opposition, allowing only three shots on goal.

While the defense kept the ball out of the defensive zone, the Andover offense played an exceptional game. All over the field, the team made solid passes which resulted in scoring opportunities. Morgan Madera '99 played what was said to be her strongest game of the year, while Mary Barendfeld '97 continued to add to her goal count. Barendfeld scored two goals, both tip-ins off shots by Melita Sawyer '97 and Stephanie Hunter '97.

With a two goal lead after the first half, Andover relied on the strength of their defense to carry them through the end of the game. Hunter added a third goal off a penalty stroke which gave Andover the cushion needed to ensure victory and continue their season for at least another game.

St. Paul's

The two teams in the semi-final game at the University of New Hampshire, St. Paul's and Andover, were really the two teams who deserved to meet in the finals.

Coming into this game, the Blue knew that St. Paul's possessed an incredible offensive attack, but with an inferior defensive line and even less competent goalie, Andover knew that if they could contain the St. Paul's offense, they could win the game.

For much of the first half, Andover did exactly what they had planned. The defense, once again led by Stewart, Miner and Morgan Zucker '97 subdued most offensive threats while goalie Ren Mehta '97 came up with some key saves.

The success of the defense inspired

the offense to test the opposing goal tender. St. Paul's was caught off guard when Melita Sawyer dribbled the ball between two defenders and lifted a shot that deflected off the goalie's stick and into the net, apparently giving the Blue a one goal lead. However, the officials ruled the shot "dangerous" and therefore the goal did not count. This ruling proved very costly later in the game.

Recovering from the let-down of poor officiating, Andover did not relent their attack. With a mere three minutes remaining in the first half, Andover was awarded a penalty corner. Anne Platt passed the ball in play to Tysie Sawyer '98, who in turn passed to sister Melita who blasted a shot by the goalie and between the pipes. This time, the goal counted and after on half of play, Andover led by a goal.

Unfortunately, the second half was not as exciting as the first. The St. Paul's offense found their groove and controlled the pace of play for much of the time. The Andover defense continued to make huge stands, but unfortunately had two break-downs, both of which resulted in St. Paul's goals. As time expired, the Andover team returned to their bench with tears in their eyes and hopes of a New England Championship gone.

Disappointed with their loss, the girls somberly boarded the bus for their return ride to school. Although the team was displeased with their defeat, each player knew that their season was a success. The tears of defeat are bitter, but go away with time. The joy and accomplishment of an undefeated regular season will last a lifetime.

Field Hockey Knocked Out in Semi-Finals

After Remarkable, Undefeated Regular Season, Girls Exit Tourney Early

"Though it was a disappointment not to reach the finals of the tournament, especially considering our superb regular season, I don't think that I've ever played on a more cohesive squad, one in which everyone supported one another so."

-Erin Dougherty '98

by Dan Sloan
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The 1996 girls' field hockey team had a sensational season returning to the New England Prep School Athletic Conference tournament to try improve on its 1995 performance in which Deerfield ousted the Blue in the opening round. Although the girls fell short of their expectations, exiting the tourney after the semi-final round, their remarkable undefeated regular season cannot be overlooked as one the premiere accomplishments of the Andover athletic program in this, the '96-'97 school year.

Guided by senior Captains Mary Barenfeld and Melita Sawyer, this team was a cohesive unit both on and off the field. Returning players, such as Steph Hunter '97, Anne Platt '97, Katie Stewart '97, Erin Dougherty '98 and Ren Mehta '97, provided stability on the powerful team, while the addition of new players like post-graduates Catherine Nigro '97 and Morgan Zucker '97, allowed the team to function at such a high level.

Andover's dominance in the 1996 season was never in question, as the Blue opened the year with an extensive pre-season schedule, in which the team mowed down the competition, winning six unofficial games to send a message out around the league that Andover would be the team to beat.

Andover, similarly, had no problems transitioning to regular season play. The team shot out of the blocks, further intimidating teams around New England. Only three weeks into the season, Andover had already distanced itself from the pack with an impressive 6-0 record.

The team's momentum came to a head in a three game stretch at the tail end of this run, in which the Blue soundly defeated NMH, Governor Dummer and Choate, outscoring these opponents by a combined 9-1. The contests with NMH and GDA were extremely impressive as the Blue shut down both of the team's offenses, while tallying six goals themselves. These games clearly demonstrated the effects of the sound coaching and discipline that the team received from coaches Martha Fenton and Kate Dolan; the defense led by seniors Stewart and Hunter played textbook field hockey while the offense executed beautiful passing to run up the score.

The Choate game endowed even more confidence in the girls, as they marshaled a team billed as one of the best in the league. Unfortunately, the 3-1 result may have actually led to an over-confidence problem, for after this game, the Blue fell into a rut that the team stayed in through the heart of their schedule.

In the following three weeks, the quality of Andover's performances fluctuated. Each week, they would seem invincible in one contest, earning a convincing victory, but would turn around and falter against a team that they were more than capable of beating, earning only a tie.

This disturbing stretch in the team's schedule began with a 1-1 tie against NMH on Saturday, October 19. In this contest, the team simply seemed unable to execute, allowing the Hoggers to take the offensive. Although Catherine Nigro played remarkably in net, she was not perfect, as NMH was able to find a chink in her armor a single time to achieve a stalemate.

After dropping St. George's with ease, the Blue then went into a contest with Deerfield, the team that had eliminated Andover from the 1995 tournament. This time, however, the playing field was leveled, as the much improved Andover team entered as a favorite. In contrast to the tournament game when Andover, the lowest seed, faced the number one seeded Deerfield at its best.

Although the Blue was able to control play through almost the entire game, the team failed to take advantage of a multitude of offensive opportunities, settling for a 0-0 tie.

Andover extended its trend of alternating wins and ties to the next week, as well. On Saturday, November 2, the girls turned in one of their most impressive victories of the season, routing an overmatched team from Pingree by the score of 6-0. Captain Barenfeld led the offensive charge in this contest with a season-high four goals. Deb Schwartz '97 and Rachel Burnes '99 also tallied goals in the romp.

However, Andover turned around the following Wednesday to face Kimball Union in a game that resulted in yet another tie. The girls' inability to pull off the victory can most likely be attributed to the fact that Andover and Kimball Union had never played before. Thus, the Blue simply did not know what to expect from its competition. What KUA provided was a physical, hard-hitting style of play. This strategy looked like it would lead to Andover's first loss of the season, as time dwindled with the Blue trailing by the score of 2-1. Captain Melita Sawyer, however, rescued the team with her first goal of the year to preserve the undefeated season.

Entering the final week of regular season play, the girls were well aware of the NEPSAC tournament looming on the horizon.

Losing to St. Paul's

They knew that momentum would be crucial, for in tournament play, championships usually go not to the best teams, but rather to the hottest teams. Because of this, the remaining games on Andover's schedule served a dual purpose, helping to secure a high seed in the tournament, while putting the team back on track for its championship run.

On Saturday, November 9, the pressures that always accompany an Andover/Exeter match-up were simply heaped on top of the Blue's tournament worries, creating possibly the most important contest of the season. Fortunately, the Blue had no trouble dealing with the Griffins of Exeter, as Andover dominated the Red in a lopsided 2-0 affair. Mehta functioned as an impenetrable wall in net stopping every Exeter shot while Hunter and Barenfeld led the offensive charge with a goal a piece.

The Blue then did, in fact, build some momentum for the tournament by soundly defeating Choate for the second time this season by the score of 3-0. This victory ran the girls' undefeated season record to 9-0-3. Even more impressive is the fact that this victory extended a 24 game regular season unbeaten streak that spanned both the '95 and '96 seasons.

As expected, the NEPSAC selection committee rewarded Andover's remarkable season with a tournament berth, matching the Blue up with Choate in the opening round, an inferior team that Andover had twice defeated earlier in the season. The Blue did not disappoint, as it dominated Choate for the third consecutive time, winning, once again, by the score of 3-0.

This victory set up an encounter with St. Paul's. Although it was widely felt that Andover and St. Paul's should have met in the finals, one of the teams would have to be eliminated in the semis. Unfortunately this team happened to be Andover. Despite a valiant effort, Andover succumbed to St. Paul's in a competitive 2-1 contest.

This defeat, however, could not tarnish Andover's exceptional year, for it will be the memories of an undefeated regular season that will linger not those of an early tournament exit.



Photo / O. Mark

Above: Captain Mary Barenfeld '97 fights for possession of the ball. Barenfeld led the Andover attack all year, peppering the opposing net with shots. In a contest against Pingree she netted an incredible four goals.

Right: The girls battle it out against Deerfield with the scoreboard overhead reminding them of the 0-0 deadlock. This season the girls struggled through a three week stretch in which they repeatedly fell just short of a win, tying a mediocre opponent.





Rebecca Gutner '97

"She is one of the hardest working and most dedicated players we have, and she is a great role model for the younger players." —Coach Martha Gourdeau

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As a three year member of the varsity field hockey team, Rebecca Gutner '97 has withstood many tough times. But after two years of frustration, it appears the girls have a promising chance to return to the elite status they enjoyed in 1993 as New England Champions. It has not been the easiest road for Rebecca, but she has persevered through it all, and with her outstanding play, the team is flying off to a 3-0 start.

The careers of most star athletes usually begin at a very young age. Rebecca, however, had not picked up a field hockey stick until the sixth grade. She began her competitive career on an intramural team at Shore Country Day school. During her eighth-grade year, Rebecca improved tremendously, and she played at the varsity level.

Rebecca came to Andover as a lower, and made the cuts for the varsity field hockey team. However, she stayed on the sidelines for most of the season. This role was not easy for the eldest of three children. Rebecca had been accustomed to being a leader most of her life, but now she found herself in the backseat, watching, and having no opportunity to help out her teammates. This first year at Andover was difficult for Gutner, who was the youngest member of the team. "It was a very frustrating year for me," said Rebecca. "I would characterize it . . . almost as a set back for me."

The following season was a tremendous improvement for Gutner. It was a growing year, and the first season in more than two years in which she received constant playing time. The season ended abruptly for the Andover squad with a first round playoff loss to Deerfield. "The

Deerfield game was very disappointing. We let them dominate most of the game," remembers Gutner.

This season's team is filled with thirteen returnees from last year's squad, and they, along with a talented group of newcomers, expect to make that important step past last year's effort. "We have a very strong team this year, and we definitely have all of the potential to go all of the way this season," said Rebecca. With captains Mary Barendsfield '97 and Melita Sawyer '97 leading the way, Andover expects that this season will end with the New England Championship.

Although now Rebecca enjoys a great deal of success, both on the field and inside the classroom, it was not always that way. She has endured a great deal of adversity during the past two seasons and has had to overcome hard times. Her coaches have taken a significant part in the process of helping her getting through her tough times. "They have been very supportive, and they have made me feel like a real part of the team, even though there have been many times when I didn't feel apart of it. They helped me through many difficult times, both playing and personal," remarked Gutner.

The coaching staff also recognizes Gutner for her contributions this year. "She has really come into her own this year, and has developed her skills. She is one of the hardest working and most dedicated players we have, and she is a great role model for the younger players," said Coach Martha Gourdeau. "Rebecca plays left wing, which is one of the more difficult positions in field hockey, but yet, she also is very versatile and is able to play middle and defense when we need her to." Her importance goes beyond her play on the field; her role as a leader on the team is invaluable for the team's chemistry.

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This year's team is out for revenge. They were profoundly disappointed with the loss to Deerfield, and the sudden end to their season. "There were a lot of seniors on that team, and they were all crushed after that game. It was a very hard way for them to end their Andover career," remembered Gutner.

This year's team is off to a fast 3-0 start, combined with numerous pre-season tournaments, where they also were undefeated. The team appears to be without any major weaknesses, and it seems Andover will have a good chance to advance to the New England Tournament. Rebecca has also faced another new challenge this season: the responsibility of playing more than one position. Her natural position of left wing is a difficult one to play and, on top of that, she now is asked to play both midfield and defense. It is merely one more hurdle for Gutner to clear, and she has done so with ease.

Rebecca leads the way now for the Andover field hockey team, with her leadership and hard work ethic, she is an example for all her teammates. She constantly is trying to improve and never comes away from a practice feeling guilty for slacking off during the last sprint. Her path to the varsity team has not been an easy one, filled with many tough times. With the help of her teammates, coaches, friends, and family, she has persevered through all of her hard times. The adversity has strengthened her, and now she assumes a role as leader of a premier New England field hockey team. With high aspirations for the rest of the season, Rebecca and the rest of the girls field hockey are looking forward for a chance of redemption, and an opportunity to better their success of last season.

Katie Stewart '97



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Field Hockey is not, by any stretch of the imagination, an easy game to learn or play. The game requires precision, coordination, and skill that few gifted athletes possess. At Andover, those few are the members of the Varsity Field Hockey team that completed an undefeated season in style with a win over archrival Exeter.

Katie Stewart '97 was a key to her team's success as she displayed the poise and skill necessary to lead the team from her sweeper position, and help stump opposing offenses. Stewart was the last line of defense before the goalie, and bore much of the responsibility for helping her team record ten shutouts in a thirteen game season.

Hailing from Darien, Connecticut, Stewart is a product of Greenwich

Academy where she attended school until the ninth grade. Katie has lived in Darien her entire life with her family.

Katie began her field hockey career in the sixth grade as an activity in her gym class. In the seventh, eighth and ninth grades at Greenwich, she played on the school teams, but said, "It wasn't anything real serious. We just went out, hacked the ball around, and had fun."

When she entered Andover as a junior, Katie was not only looking for fun, but also for good competition. She accomplished both these goals when she made the JV team her junior year. As a lower, Stewart was captain of JV, a distinction she felt honored to receive. When reminiscing about her times on JV, Katie recalls fond memories, and said, "I wouldn't have passed up those two years for anything."

After two successful years on JV,

Stewart was finally ready to make the jump to the varsity level where she immediately made a contribution. As an upper, Katie started at sweeper and helped lead the team to a respectable season and a New England Tournament birth.

This year, however, she really stepped up to the challenge. Playing on a team that scored relatively few goals, the defense supported the squad. Katie, along with her defensive counterparts Anne Miner '97, Morgan Zucker '97, and roommate Anne Platt '97, knew the importance of their roles on the team and shined throughout the season.

Since the first day Katie picked up a field hockey stick, she has been a defender. When asked why she never tried forward, she replied, "I like stopping other people. It feels good when I stop someone from scoring a goal." As sweeper, Stewart's job is to move with the ball and back up her defensive partners.

Katie realizes the accomplishments of her team this year and said "It feels great to be undefeated. Our team worked extremely well as a cohesive unit. We played well together because we were always there to back each other up. We worked hard played hard and had fun." In her final comments about the season, Katie offered this: "It is too bad we had to lose to St. Paul's. We all wanted to win so badly, but regardless of the loss, we had a great season and every one pushed themselves to the limit."

She also realizes how privileged she was to have Kate Dolan and Martha Fenton as her coaches. Katie went on to say, "Each coach brought her own love for and knowledge of the game to the field and their enthusiasm rubbed off on the players. It is amazing how much they care for their team and the individual players. They are two of the best coaches I have ever had, and is amazing how much I learned simply from being around them."

Katie hopes to carry all she has learned from her coaches and teammates at Andover on to Colby college where she applied early. As her first choice, Colby would provide Katie with another outstanding academic institution and a new haven to showcase her field hockey skills.

Without Katie Stewart, the Andover field hockey team could not have been so successful. She has provided her team with outstanding athleticism and the personality of someone who, as friend and co-Captain Melita Sawyer put it, "Is like the Energizer bunny. She just keeps going." It is Katie's determination, hard work and love of field hockey that should be a model for her future success.

SPORT: Boys Varsity Football

YEAR: Fall 1996

CAPTAIN: Kyle O'Brien & Garth Williams
*HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Danielle Brown, Cyvette Harrison, & Maureesa Pittman
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Leon Madeste
ASSISTANT COACHES: Lou Bernieri, Steve Carter, Chip Dunn, &
Ray Mundra

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Football -V
Brown, Danielle C. (4)
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Chisholm, Joseph P.
Costantino, Mark J., Jr
Dent, Dean A., II
Dietz, Stephen F.
Escamille, Joaquin C.
Espin, Erick
Fleming, Liam J. M.
Forelle, Charles C.
Georges, Christopher D.
Gonzalez, Luis A.
Henderson, Andrew S.
Hersch, Jeremy L.
Jordan, John W., III
Kalin, Matthew C.
Kinast, Robert M.

Magrone, Matthew
Mangan, James J.
Mori, Ken, Jr.
Napolitano, Michael P.
Noonan, Patrick R.
O'Brien, Kyle G. (cc)
Pugatch, Todd M.
Qamar, Adnan M.
Ryan, Thomas G.
Salem, Deeb A.
Salisbury, Peter B.
Smith, Matthew C.
Smithwick, James W.
Tracy, Timothy H.
Waldstein, David E.
Weiner, David E.
Williams, Garth H. (cc)
Williamson, Timothy L.

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Patrick Noonan 2 Wilshire Circle Oracut, MA. 01826	6'	155	1997	Back
Kyle, O'Brien 115 Hilton Avenue Garden City, NY. 11530	6'1"	207	1998	Back
Pham Fleming 131 Sycamore Road Braintree, MA. 02184	6'2"	160	1997	Kicker
Garth, Williams Apt. 20-P, 392 Central Park West New York, NY 10025	6'2"	170	1997	Back
Erick Espin Apt # 14-F, 174 Nagle Avenue New York, NY 10034	5'10"	155	1997	Back
Matt Smith 2425 Summit Garth Drive Finksburg, MD 21048	5'10"	180	1997	Back
David Weiner 3 Mohawk Drive Andover, MA. 01810	6'	160	1997	Back
Ashien Shetty 42 Royal Crest Apartments, Royal Crest Drive North Andover, MA. 01845	5'6"	155	2000	Back
Jeremy Hersch 31 East 79th Street Apt. 7W New York, NY 10021	5'7"	130	1999	Back
Stephen Dietz 43 Porter Road Andover, MA. 01810	5'10"	180	1998	Back
Robert Kinast 5046 Beechgrove Avenue, NE Canton, OH. 44705	5'11"	160	1997	Back
Anthony Dent 3 Belle Aire Court Denville, NJ. 07834	5'11"	185	1998	Back
James Smithwick P.O. Box 1155 Quogue, NY 11959	6'1"	187	1999	Back
Andrew Henderson 9 Berkeley Lane Andover, MA. 01810	5'10"	180	1997	Back
Todd Pugatch 376 Ocean Avenue, unit 1202 Revere, MA. 02151	5'5"	136	1997	Back

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
James Mangan 49 Geana Lane Lowell, MA. 01852	5'11"	182	1998	Back
Deeb, Salem 80 Davisson Drive Lincoln, MA. 01773	6'	170	1997	Back
Timothy Tracy 72 Luke Shore Drive Grosse Point Farms, MI. 48236	6'	190	1997	hine
Matthew Kalin 101 Quail Run North Andover, MA. 01845	5'5"	155	1999	hine
Charles Forelle 850 Park Avenue New York, NY. 10021	5'11"	209	1998	hine
David Waldstein 36 Frankland Road Ashland, MA. 01721	6'1"	210	1997	hine
Timothy Williamson 53 Prospect Road Andover, MA. 01810	6'	195	1998	hine
Adnan Qamar 1696 Wellington Place Westlake Village, CA. 91361	6'	186	1997	hine
Matthew Macrone 1064 Cosmos Heights Cortland, NY. 13045	5'11"	245	1997	hine
John Costantino 100 Tallassee Farms Dr. Athens, GA. 30606	6'2"	206	1999	hine
Thomas Ryan 75 Clark Road Lowell, MA. 01852	6'	195	1997	Line
Luis Gonzales 449 45th Street Brooklyn, NY 11220	6'	170	1997	hine
Christopher, Georges 65 Roxbury Road Garden City, NY. 11530	6'1"	275	1997	hine
Ken Mori 4-2-19 Akasaka, Minato-ku 07 Tokyo, Japan	6'4"	206	1998	hine
John Jordan 101 Willow Street Brooklyn, NY 11201	6'2"	260	1997	Line

Joaquin Escamille
P.O. Box 244
New York, NY, 10026

6'1"

185

1997

Line

Peter Salisbury
5a Woodcliff Road
Wellesley MA, 02181

6'2"

185

1999

End

Joseph P. Christolm
46 Prospect Street
Summit, NJ, 07901

6'

195

~~1996~~

1999

End

Michael Napolitano
55 Ayer Street
Methuen MA 01844

5'9"

168

1997

End

Lewis Brown Jr.
4616 Sundown Lane
Memphis, TN 38109

1999

Back

DATE OF CONTEST: September, 14, 1996

OPPONENT: Cushing (Scrimmage)

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy : 7

Cushing : 7

Boys' Football Looks to Repeat Atop New England

by Pat Noonan & Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER



With only one returning starter and twelve returning seniors, many would say that the 1996 Andover football

team is in for a rebuilding year. Last year's team, led by Titus Ivory '96 and captain Tim Cannon '96, enjoyed an undefeated season and won the New England Prep Bowl. That team's explosive offense and stifling defense, which overwhelmed helpless opponents in route to a record season for PA football is a tough act for this year's team to follow. However, as four-year varsity veteran Tom Ryan '97 said, "We don't rebuild, we reload."

Co-captains Garth Williams '97 and Kyle O'Brien '98 will lead the team this year as it endeavors to maintain its fifteen game unbeaten streak, and to repeat as New England Champions. O'Brien, a three year upper from Garden City, New York, will start at quarterback for the second consecutive year, and is expected to play at his usual superlative level. Furthermore, he will receive time at defensive end. Williams, a four year senior from New York City, also plays both ways, at free safety on defense and wide receiver on offense. His senior leadership will be needed for the relatively young team.

Once again, Andover has recruited several outstanding post-graduates, including Chris Georges and J.W. Jordan. The two giants will anchor the team's offensive and defensive lines,

both playing tackle. In addition, Matt Smith '97 will bolster the team's backfield, and David Waldstein '97 should be a key contributor at guard and linebacker. Furthermore, Tim Tracy '97, who slated to play linebacker, is a graduate of Hotchkiss, the team Andover defeated to win the Prep Bowl. In the tradition of Ivory, these players are expected to give the extra edge which puts the team over the top.

Several players from last year's second team will make the jump to the starting lineup, including Tony Dent '98, Rob Kinast '97, and Joaquin Escamille '97. These players, as well as the other returners are expected to provide experience and tenacity, and will be the core of this year's squad. Unique to this year's team, Andover also has many new lowers, who are expected to see significant time this season, among them J.P. Chisholm '99, the starting tight end and defensive end.

This past Saturday, the Big Blue scrimmaged against in-state rival, Cushing Academy. At the outset of the game Andover moved the ball well, but showed first game jitters by committing two back-to-back penalties, as well as displaying initial confusion on defense, which allowed Cushing to break a play for a long touchdown. After these mistakes, however, Andover began to pull things together. Sparked by a key open-field tackle by strong safety Tony Dent, the squad began to play with increased alacrity. The offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage, opening large holes for running backs Smith and Andy Henderson '97. They had a solid offensive drive which culminated in a touchdown catch by Rob

Kinast. In the waning moments of the game, Todd Pugatch '97 had a stellar twenty-two yard rush, which capped off an excellent Andover performance. Although no official score was kept, it was clear to all that at the end of the day Andover had emerged as the superior team.

This Saturday, the boys in blue travel to Taft to face their infamous option offense. If the scrimmage was indicative of the season to come, then nothing but success can be anticipated. With a nucleus of returning players and new powerhouses, the team should be able to continue Andover's dominance of New England football.



DATE OF CONTEST: September 21, 1996

OPPONENT: Taft

WHERE PLAYED: Taft

RESULT: Taft : 8 Phillips Academy : 7

~~Taft : 18~~
Phillips Academy : ~~16~~

Football's Streak Ends At Fifteen

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Taft	8
Andover	7



Last Saturday, the varsity football team traveled to Taft for their opening contest. Unfortunately, they emerged from the game with an eight to seven loss. The defeat was a bitter disappointment for the team, in part because it snapped a fifteen game unbeaten streak stretching back to last fall. Throughout the game the defense came up with big stops, but the offense failed to capitalize on several key opportunities.

The first half of the game was characterized by general confusion on the field, and on the sidelines for Andover. The defense was able to prevent Taft from scoring, though the ball was moved within Andover's twenty yard line on several occasions, but the offense could not mount any serious attack. This was due in part to multiple fumbles and untimely penalties. Luckily for PA, the first half ended in a stalemate, with neither team managing to get onto the score board.

During half time, the coaches made some key changes in order to combat Taft's defensive scheme, and also to capitalize on Andover's defensive strengths. Apparently, these alterations in the game plan were more than sufficient, as the Blue scored on their opening possession of the second half. The drive was a good mixture of the team's passing and running attacks. The crucial play was a connection between quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98, who completed seven passes on fifteen attempts for eighty seven yards, and wide receiver Tony Dent '98 for a thirty-two yard gain. The drive was capped off by a one yard touchdown run by tailback Matt Smith '97. Liam Fleming '97, the post graduate kicker/punter, converted the extra point

successfully, giving Andover a seven to nothing lead. Throughout the rest of the third quarter the Andover defense stymied the Taft arsenal. The D was led by the two linebackers, Tim Tracy '97 and David Waldstein '97, who had thirteen and five tackles, respectively. Furthermore, offensive stars O'Brien and Dent each chipped in with three tackles, as did defensive back Rob Kinast '97.

This momentum carried over into the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, when the defense stopped Taft on the Andover one yard line. However, shortly thereafter things started to fall apart. Tackle Chris Georges '97 was sidelined for the remainder of the game with an ankle injury. On the possession following the defensive stop, Andover was forced back into their own end zone, resulting in a safety. On the ensuing kickoff, the Taft returner brought the ball well inside Andover territory. With less than a minute remaining in the game, Taft scored their only touchdown of the game. Though they failed to make the two point conversion, the touchdown, coupled with the safety was enough to secure a victory.

This was a game which Andover probably should have won. They had a distinct advantage in size and skill. However, the dismal performance of PA's offensive backfield, which fumbled the ball six times and lost four of them, was the deciding factor in this match. The normally sound running game amassed only 65 total yards, and averaged less than three yards per carry. This game was reminiscent of the 1994 season opening loss to Taft, in which first game jitters led to an unexpected loss. That team soon recovered and had a successful season. Hopefully this team can do the same. Still the season is young, and the team now seems hungrier than ever. If Andover can play better fundamental football, the rest of the season looks promising. Tomorrow, the Blue will take on Hotchkiss at home under the lights at 7:00 PM.

DATE OF CONTEST: September 28, 1996

OPPONENT: Hotchkiss

WHERE PLAYED: @ Phillips Academy

RESULT: Hotchkiss: 18

Phillips Academy: 6

Hotchkiss Claims Revenge For '96 Prep Bowl Defeat

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

**Hotchkiss
Andover**

**18
6**



Hopefully the football team's first two games of the season are signs of the future. There is a very strong possibility that the team will

come together, and have a successful season. However, even the most diehard Andover fans must admit that there is cause for concern—first a loss to the traditionally weak Taft squad, and now an eighteen to seven defeat at the hands of a Hotchkiss team that the Blue dismantled in the Prep Bowl.

The game was played under the lights at home last Saturday, and the attendance was as high as the team's hopes. Nonetheless, Hotchkiss immediately took control of the game, with a diverse arsenal which featured an excellent running game. Andover's defense could not stop Hotchkiss from running to the outside. Time after time, Hotchkiss easily made big gains of sweep and option plays that came as a result of defensive breakdowns or running untimely blitzes.

Furthermore, 280 pound tackle

Chris Georges '97 was sidelined with a recurring ankle injury in the second quarter. Turnovers were also a deciding factor in the game. O'Brien threw three interceptions, and on a kickoff following Hotchkiss' second touchdown, no Andover player took responsibility to catch the ball, allowing the Bearcats to seize possession.

Andover's only real threat came near the end of the first half, when O'Brien, who was fifteen of thirty-five for 174 yards, completed several passes to Tony Dent '98 and Co-Captain Garth Williams '97. A key turning point in the game came with roughly two minutes left in the half. Andover had the ball on the Hotchkiss ten yard line when a bad snap led to a sack which pushed PA back to the twenty, ending the drive. The first half ended with Hotchkiss leading 12-0.

Andover came out in the second half ready to mount a comeback. However, Hotchkiss scored on their first possession, ending PA's hope for the game. The vast point differential forced Andover to rely solely on their passing game. Although the interior line, anchored by four-year seniors Matt Magrone and Tom Ryan, gave O'Brien ample time to throw the ball, other factors inhibited the air attack.

In the fourth quarter, the Blue began to find success moving the ball,

albeit against Hotchkiss' second team. Andover scored when O'Brien hit Kinast, for a thirty yard touchdown pass in the waning moments of the game. Kicker/punter Liam Fleming '97, then converted the extra point to pull the Blue to within eleven. Unfortunately, that was all the scoring for Andover, and the game drew to a close.

Worse than the loss, however, were the injuries sustained by several key players as Andover faces perennial powerhouse Choate this Saturday. Tailback Matt Smith '97, who had run for twenty four-yards on six carries against Hotchkiss, received a severe concussion in the game, and is not slated to play on Saturday. Tracy, who is plagued by a bad shoulder, is definitely out for the next two games if not more. Georges' ankle problem has already sidelined him for the Choate matchup, and his situation is considered week-to-week.

Considering these injuries and the lack of success in the first two games, Coaches Modeste and Bernieri have decided to change Andover's defensive setup from a 5-2 to a 4-4, which will witness its baptism by fire this Saturday. If these changes are effective, and several inexperienced players play to potential, Andover has a good chance against Choate.

DATE OF CONTEST: October 5, 1996

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: @ Choate

RESULT:

Choate : 14

Phillips Academy : 8

Football Team's Woes Continue

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Choate	14
Andover	8



Choate 14-8 Pat Noonan and Charlie Finch

The Andover football team hit the road to face off against divisional powerhouse Choate last Saturday in hopes of attaining their first victory of the young season. The Blue fought hard through the final seconds, keeping the game close; however, Andover's noble efforts were dashed on one fateful play in the waning moments of the contest. Sadly, Andover's 14-8 loss to Choate drops their record to 0-3, practically ending their post-season aspirations.

The start of the game can be described only as pure chaos, as neither offense could mount a successful drive. Choate received the opening kickoff, and quickly turned the ball over on an interception by cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99, who made seven tackles in the game. However, on their first series Andover gave the ball right back by fumbling on a running play. This was followed with two fumbles by Choate and Andover, respectively, leaving Choate with the

ball on their own two yard line. With the ball deep in their territory, Choate was unable to advance after two running plays. Thereafter, defensive end Dave Waldstein '97 sacked the quarterback in the end zone, giving Andover a 2-0 lead.

On the reception of the ensuing kickoff, the Andover returner fumbled the ball, allowing Choate to take possession with excellent field position. Choate then began to move the ball well. Utilizing their obvious size advantage, they were able to run the ball with success, moving the ball down to the goal line. From there, they capitalized on a one yard rush scoring a touchdown. Choate then converted the two-point conversion bringing the score to 8-2.

The offense continued to prove ineffective, punting the ball to Choate after three failed plays. Choate then continued their momentum, driving inside Andover's ten yard line. With their backs against the wall, and Choate apparently going for a backbreaking touchdown, co-captain Garth Williams '97 saved the day by intercepting a Choate pass in the end zone.

At this point, Andover realized that they were outsized on the line, as a result of an injury to 280 lb tackle Chris Georges '97, and did not have the running backs to play power foot-

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DATE OF CONTEST: October 12, 1996

OPPONENT: Kent

WHERE PLAYED: @ Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Kent: 34

Phillips Academy: 6

Stagnant Offense Weighs Down Football's Play

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Kent	34
Andover	6



On Monday, Assistant Head Coach Lou Berniere tore the schedule in half, throwing away the first half to represent the first four games of the season. There is no other word which describes the Andover football team's season to date so perfectly as disastrous. Injuries, bad luck, intermittent poor play, and mental lapses have combined to leave the team struggling to win a single game. It is not that there are huge weaknesses, but that the team hasn't coalesced. The latest loss came against Kent, as Andover was defeated thirty-four to six on their home turf. The margin of victory was the largest its been all season, reflecting the drubbing Andover received in all aspects of the game.

The game began promisingly, though as a result of a miscommunication Kent received the kickoff at the beginning of both halves. When they received the opening kickoff they were shut down by a fired up Andover squad on just three plays. After a successful punt return by co-captain Garth Williams '97, Andover engineered a powerful drive, led by a strong running game. The principal running back throughout the drive was post-graduate Matt Smith, who had seventeen carries for ninety yards on the game, including fifty-two on the first drive alone. He then capped off the drive with a two yard touchdown rush. Unfortunately Liam Fleming '97 missed the extra point, leaving Andover with a solid six to nothing lead. Shortly thereafter, Kent started to demonstrate their offensive prowess. Kent's post graduate running back sliced through the Andover defense like a knife through hot butter. The defense, led by Williams and Tom Ryan '97, who each contributed eleven tackles, tried to stymie the Kent attack, but sporadic defensive breakdowns allowed Kent to score on the following possession. However, they also missed their extra point, evening the score at six all.

Andover continued to move the

ball, though somewhat less effectively, and were forced to punt on fourth and one at the fifty yard line. The defense held fast, though Kent managed to gain better field position, and Andover was pinned inside the twenty yard line. After two unsuccessful running plays and an incomplete pass, Andover was forced to punt. However, the ball was mis snapped, and Kent got a safety. The rest of the half was a seesaw battle, as neither offense could score. From the beginning of the game, Andover's offense relied solely on the running game. Kent quickly picked up on this, and gave less respect to the pass. The Andover coaches accordingly began to call only pass plays, hence abandoning the rush which was so successful in Andover's opening drive. Once again Kent merely adjusted their defense to cover the throwing game. Perhaps a balanced attack throughout the match would have yielded better results for the offense. Nonetheless, the half ended with the score of eight to six in Kent's favor.

It was in the second half that Kent began to dominate, to the point where they ran up the score. They made two quick scores, and Andover's hopes were dwindling. Still, the offense made a valiant effort, led by Co-Captain Kyle O'Brien '98, who went 13-21 for 173 yards. However, he was intercepted three times, and every time the offense started to gain ground, some error, be it a penalty, turnover, or poor play, would stifle them. By the end of the game the Blue was reeling under the weight of thirty-four unanswered points, though the steadfast Andover fans stuck with them through the end of the game.

Andover faces one of their greatest challenges of the season tomorrow, as they travel to Northfield Mount Hermon, whose squad consists of more than twenty post-graduates. Andover promises to launch an "aerial circus" as Head Coach Leon Modeste put it, in which they plan to implement a west coast style offense, throwing the ball on 95% of their offensive plays. If O'Brien and the receivers have solid performances, the squad finally catches a few breaks, and the entire squad starts to play with more heart, Andover has a chance of defeating NMH.

DATE OF CONTEST: October 19, 1996

OPPONENT: N.M.H. Northfield Mount Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: @ N.M.H.

RESULT: N.M.H. : 33
Phillips Academy : 0

NMH Obliterates Football

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan

PHILLIPS SPORTS WRITERS

NMH 33
Andover 0



Entering the traditional Northfield-Mount Hermon athletic weekend, the football team hoped to pull themselves together and win their first game of the season.

Unfortunately, the powerful Northfield-Mount Hermon squad, which boasts more than twenty post-graduates, was not the team against which Andover could break out. The final was 33-0, ugly on every level. But the players are confident that they will be able to recuperate and, to some extent, salvage the season. As David Waldstein '97 said, "I think our last three games afford us an opportu-

nity to save the season. We're going to focus more on the running game, and mix it up on defense. I think we'll really gel as the season winds down."

The start of the game was portentous of things to come. NMH received the kickoff and mounted an impressive drive, featuring an excellent running game, which culminated in a two yard touchdown rush. On the Blue's first offensive effort, captain Kyle O'Brien '98 dropped back to pass, and was immediately assaulted by two blitzing Northfield linebackers. On second down and twenty, O'Brien threw an interception, giving NMH the ball on the Andover twenty-yard line. Northfield promptly proceeded to score another touchdown, making the score 13-0.

After this initial onslaught, the game slowed down. Both defenses began to play more effectively, creating a stalemate that lasted well into

the second quarter. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, NMH scored on a fifty-six yard bomb. The half drew to a close with the score NMH 19-PA 0.

The second half progressed in a similar fashion. While the Blue stymied the NMH offense on several occasions, Northfield still managed to score. The Andover attack began to show signs of life, and while they did not score, they improved visibly through the course of the game. Every time Andover began to drive, Northfield would come up with a big play. O'Brien went 8-18 for 125 yards, but was intercepted four times. Andy Henderson '97 composed the Andover running attack, carrying the ball ten times for forty-seven yards.

The defense, led by free safety Garth Williams '97 who had nine tackles, slowed the talented Northfield-Mount Hermon offense in the second half, due partially to several shrewd coaching maneuvers.

However, after scoring a touchdown making the score 26-0, NMH chose to attempt an unorthodox, manlike on-side kick, which they successfully converted. In the waning moments of the game, Northfield aggressively pushed the ball down the field, and scored another touchdown. Shortly thereafter the game drew to a close, with NMH on top 33-0.

Tomorrow, Deerfield will travel to Andover for the traditional parents weekend game at 2:00. For the rest of the season, the Andover offense will line up in the T-formation, in hopes of controlling the ball and eliminating turnovers. While they possess no playoff aspirations, hopefully the football team can pull off an upset victory against Deerfield. Also, no season is lost if the Blue wins against Exeter, who is having a good season. So while the general outlook is not good, several things could bring respectability to an otherwise disastrous season.

DATE OF CONTEST: October 26, 1996

OPPONENT: Deerfield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: @ Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Deerfield: 20
Phillips Academy: 7

BLUE FALLS DESPITE IMPROVED PLAY

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield Andover

20
7



There were certainly, bright spots in the twenty to seven defeat the football team suffered at the hands

of rival Deerfield. After the first six minutes of the game, for example, the defense shut down the potent Deerfield assault, allowing only three points for the duration of the game. In addition, running back Matt Smith '97 enjoyed his best game of the year. Further, several underclassmen, including Jeremy Hersch '99 and J.P. Chisolm '99 showed marked development, an encouraging sign for the future of Andover football. Nevertheless, it was the team's sixth loss of the season, and weaknesses were still readily apparent in several key aspects of the game. Still, a step in the right direction is better than nothing, which is what the squad had displayed hitherto.

Only minutes into the game, an error in the Andover secondary provided for an early Deerfield score. On the ensuing kickoff, receiver Smith fumbled the ball leading to another Deerfield touchdown. The score at the half was 17-7.

The second half was a defensive



Running back Matt Smith '97 dodges and twists his way through the defense on one of his many carries

Photo / O. Mark

battle in which neither offense could mount a serious drive. The Andover defense was led by Joaquin Escamille '97, who had four sacks, eight tackles, and a blocked field goal. Unfortunately, Deerfield's defense was just as effective in shutting down the Andover offense. Untimely penalties and more turnovers robbed Andover of any chance to cut away at Deerfield's lead. The only tally of the second half was a Deerfield field goal that came late in the game.

Assistant coach Stephen Carter said, following the game, "This was our best game of the year, but the

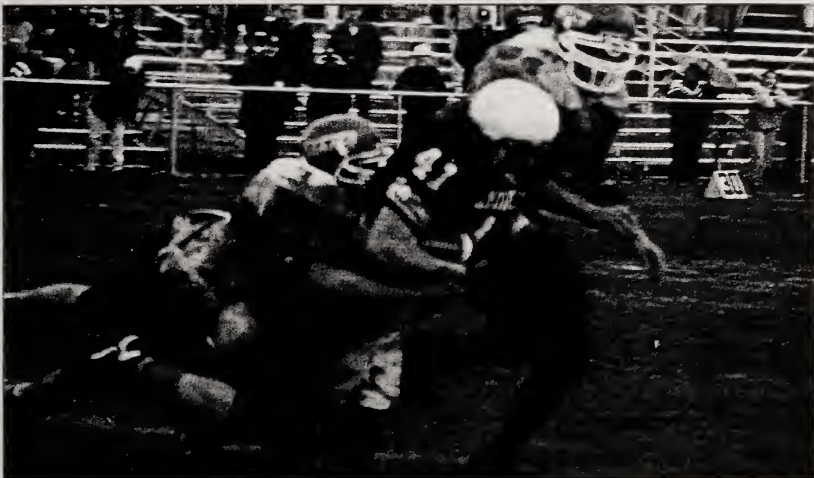
offense was still lacking. Individuals can carry a defense, but all eleven guys have to play together to make the offense work." The stagnant offense has plagued the Blue all year, as have turnovers. Still, the positive steps made in the Deerfield game should help the team through the last two games of the season. Tomorrow's game promises to be an interesting and lively contest, as Andover will take on West Roxbury High, a team renowned for its pursuit defense and excellent running game. The game will take place at seven o'clock at Brothers Field.

DATE OF CONTEST: November 2, 1996

OPPONENT: West Roxbury High

WHERE PLAYED: @ Phillips Academy

RESULT: Phillips Academy: 17
West Roxbury High: 6



Andover defeats Exeter 3-0 in rainy 118th Andover-Exeter football game

Photo / J. Mitchell

Andover-Exeter Weekend Rekindles 118 Year Rivalry

by Nelson Wen
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, November 8th-10th, Andover hosted the deeply-rooted tradition of athletic competition against its chief rival, Exeter. Ever since 1878, when the two schools played their first baseball and football games against each other, spirited competition in athletic venues has created a storied rivalry between the schools. This year the weekend turned out to be a success for several Andover teams; cheered on by the Blue Key Society and enthusiastic students, the football team, girls' field hockey, boys' cross-country, and boys' soccer all won their games against Exeter.

Linked by tradition, and educational philosophies, Andover and Exeter seemed destined to become

close rivals from the onset. As sister schools founded by the Phillips family, they share much in common in terms of class make-up, educational facilities, and historical background.

The rivalry that has developed over the past hundred years has manifested itself in sports. The first two athletic games between Andover and Exeter set a precedent of bitter competition. In 1878, Exeter won the baseball game easily by a score of 11-0. Andover responded later in the year by handily defeating the Exeter football team with five touchdowns and one field goal and giving up no points. Soon it became an annual tradition that Andover meet Exeter in football every November for the last game of the fall season.

Early on, the athletic competitions were quarrelsome and closely contended. Beginning in the 1880s,

each school charged that the other was hiring professionals for their teams. A riot even broke out at Exeter in the early 1890s, causing a suspension of all competition for two years. In 1937, the whole Exeter community, including the Principal, responded with open outrage to a football official's ruling that an Andover player had caught a pass although Exeter thought it had touched the ground first.

In recent years, the rivalry has remained tight but relatively friendly, reflected by this year's events organized by the Blue Key Society. Thursday, the Blue Keys held the traditional "Exeter Geek Day," a day when some students dressed up in elaborate red outfits in the characteristic "Exeter geek" style. In contrast, Friday's "Andover Blue Day" had

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Athletic Contests Continue Andover-Exeter Tradition

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students showing their school pride by dressing in the school's colors. Finally, the pep rally that night was the last pre-game effort to excite students for the upcoming contests.

The Blue Key Society also made other preparations for the competitions. Some members of the Blue Key woke up early on Saturday morning to travel to Exeter to place signs along the road, hoping that the Exeter athletes traveling to Andover would take notice of the teasing messages declaring, "Turn Back Now!" In addition, members of the Blue Key distributed notices about the games being held the coming weekend and performed a song at the All-School meeting.

On Saturday, the day of the games, girls' volleyball, field hockey, and both boys' and girls' soccer all played in the morning. The boys' football team contested Exeter in the traditional main event during the afternoon. Both girls' and boys' cross-country teams were away at Exeter for the Interschols competi-

tion; the boys ended up winning the championships and the girls fell to third, behind Exeter and St. Paul's.

Andover-Exeter is a momentous occasion for the Blue Key society, according to the organization's co-head Dave Coolidge '97. He commented that, "The Andover-Exeter competition is the one time when school spirit reaches its apex. It was really essential for us to be involved, because we're all about supporting the school and trying to encourage students to get excited about school events like sports."

Looking back on the weekend, Coolidge felt that the hard work put in by the Blue Key Society was worthwhile. "The events went great, especially the football game. When our team won, it was the climax, the icing on the cake for all of us. After that, it seemed like the hours and hours we spent trying to make Andover-Exeter as good as possible paid off."

Next year, the 120th meeting between both Phillips Academies will continue on the Exeter, New Hampshire campus.

DATE OF CONTEST: November 9, 1996

OPPONENT: Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: @ Phillips Academy

RESULT:

Phillips Academy: 3

Exeter Academy: 0

Football Squeaks Out Victory In Final Hurrah

by Charlie Finch and Pat Noonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	3
Exeter	0



At its best, football can serve as a microcosm of the greater products of will, sagacity and aspiration, one which transcends

the realm of sports, representing a higher ideal of the concept of competition. Such was the case in the one hundred and fifteenth meeting of the Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy football teams. As in the first game of 1878, Andover pitched a shut out, with a three to nothing win on a thirty-five yard field goal by Liam Fleming '97. "The win saved an otherwise tragic season," according to Co-Captain Garth Williams '97, "and everyone is thrilled."

Exeter boasted a respectable 4-3 record as well as an excellent quarterback, Knox Vanderpoole. However, the Andover squad, fresh from a victory over West Roxbury High, felt they matched up well, and had a legitimate shot at victory. When anticipation reached its apotheosis, the Exeter kicker drove the ball down the field into the waiting arms of the Andover returner, and the game was off. The first drive demonstrated the game plan the Blue would employ, featuring almost exclusively the running game. Though the squad's initial progress was successful, the series stalled, creating a punting situation. Unfortunately, a bad snap sailed past Fleming, giving Exeter the ball on the Andover ten yard line. The defensive unit really showed their grit at this juncture, stopping the Exeter offense on four plays, the last two of which were inside the one yard line. Center Matt Magrone '97 said, "When we took possession, the ball was about an inch from the goal line. So [James] Smithwick's ensuing run was huge."

The aforementioned run moved the ball seven yards from the end zone, giving the offense some breathing room. Though they eventually punted, utilizing the quick-kick, the defensive stand clearly gave the momentum to Andover. At this point, the game settled down with the defenses controlling the game. While Exeter started to move the ball on one drive, the Blue defense quickly forced a fourth down situation. Exeter tried a fake punt, but Tommy Ryan '97 tackled the punter for a seven yard loss. When Andover took possession, they mounted an excellent drive to the eighteen yard line, and with an excellent hold by Co-Captain Kyle O'Brien '97, Fleming was able to convert a thirty five yard field goal. The Andover crowd burst from their seats, realizing that scores were few and far between in the game. The half ended with the score



Tony Dent '98 carries the ball after his late game interception

Photo / J. Mitchell

3-0, in favor of Andover.

In the second half the game once again turned into a seesaw struggle with neither offense mounting a serious threat. The Andover defense, led by Ryan and Tony Dent '98, continued to make big plays that subdued the Exeter offense. However, late in the third quarter, Exeter began putting things together. Their offense slowly crept deeper and deeper into Andover territory. With their back against the wall, Andover stepped up for a key series. On third down, Dent masterfully halted the Red running back, forcing a fourth down. Exeter decided to attempt a field goal that would tie the game at three all. Luckily, the Exeter kicker kicked the ball into the backs of his own offensive line allowing Andover room a mere three points of breathing room.

Breathing a sigh of relief, the Andover offense retook possession of the ball and once again traded punts with Exeter. In the fourth quarter, Exeter had the ball and was trying to push the ball down the field. On a passing play, the Red quarterback dropped back and threw the ball to his tight end. However, Williams made a stellar breakup, and the ball was picked off by Dent. Andover attempted to start a drive that would eat up the clock, but they were forced to punt, giving Exeter one final chance. On first down, Exeter caught Andover in a blitz, and the running back broke free for a huge gain before being stopped by Williams. The defense continued to play well on the next four plays, returning the ball to PA with less than a minute on

the clock. O'Brien simply knelt down once, and the entire Andover sideline and home crowd swept out onto the field. With the defeat of Exeter under their belts, Andover football team of 1996 can now look back and confidently say they had a solid season after this win, despite their 2-6 record.

Garth Williams '97

by Charlie Finch
PHILADELPHIA SPORTS WRITER

This year's football team was not a success. While they won the all-Impact Award/Exeter contest, the team went two and six for the year, a dramatic fall after last year's unbeaten championship winning squad. Still, several players made this team an exciting one, and several seniors, through their exemplary play and quiet leadership, have paved the way for next year's team. Foremost among these seniors is Garth Williams, '97, the Co-Captain and emotional head of the football team. Williams played consistently well as a wide receiver and a free safety, and he took several lowers under his wing including Jeremy Hersch, J.P. Chisolm, and James Smithwick. For all of these reasons, the Philadelphia would like to applaud Garth's efforts by naming him an Athlete of the Term. Pat Noonan '97, a two year teammate of Williams, summed it up when he said "After all of his efforts, there is no one who deserves the success he has had as much as Garth Williams."

Williams grew up in New York City, where there, "wasn't a whole lot of interest in football." Rather, Garth grew up on the basketball courts and baseball diamonds. Still, when he came to Andover he had played a little football in his eighth grade year, and decided to go out for the team. The coaches, impressed by his effort, speed, and coordination put him on the team, partly as an investment for the future. While he didn't play very often, he learned the game, picking up tricks of the trade from the class of '94. The same year, Garth played varsity basketball and lacrosse. The following season, somewhat more accustomed to the game, Garth played a more prominent role on the team frequently entering the game on the defensive side of

the ball as a corner. As Coach Leon Modeste said, "Garth is a safety in the truest sense of the word. While we were scored upon, it was never Garth's fault. He was the last line of defense, and he always came through." Indeed, while Williams excels in many facets of football, his teammates say that defense is the favorite role.

Last year, after the prep bowl winning season, Tim Cannon '96 bestowed upon both Williams and Kyle O'Brien '98 the captaincy of the squad. This was the crowning achievement of his illustrious athletic career. He assumed the position with a sense of purpose, determined to carry the team. Unfortunately, the season did not progress as Garth had planned. As he said, "We weren't a bad team at all,

but turnovers killed us, and for the entire year the ball just didn't bounce our way. We were the unluckiest team I've ever played on. I really regret our record, but it was amazing to finish up my Andover football career with a victory against Exeter. In addition, we won our last two games, so the returning players will know what it was like to win a few, and will be better prepared." It is this concern for the future of Andover football that makes Garth a leader. His opinion about next year's squad? "Co-Captain Tony Dent '98, along with Kyle O'Brien, will lead a core of returning uppers. While we may be somewhat weak in the lines, our backs will be excellent. And we can always count on a couple of Fe's. I predict a fast-paced, high score

ing season."

In the next two terms, Garth Williams plan to play basketball and to throw the javelin. As for college, sports will figure into his plans. He will likely pursue both football and basketball at a division three school. For example, Amherst and Tufts have both been in touch with him. Whenever he ends up, one can be certain that he will lead his teams by example, with his will, tenacity, and athletic talent. As Coach Modeste said, "Garth is a silent leader. He shows people what to do, rather than telling them." But despite his quiet nature, you can bet he'll always be ready to play, come high noon." Indeed, Garth will always be ready to play, and will contribute to any team he plays on.

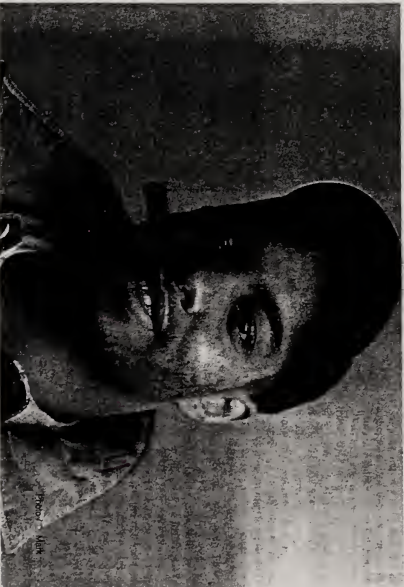


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Football Team Redeems Otherwise Disappointing Season With Dramatic Exeter Win In Final Game

by Charles Finch
PHILLIPS SPORTS EDITOR



It would have taken an entire season of football to match the phenomenal play of the 1995 Andover squad, which started shuttling out as Justin Turner '96.

Though captains Kyle O'Brien '98 and Garth Williams '97 were up to the task, the rest of the team was too young and inexperienced to dominate as their predecessors had. In addition, 1996 was an outstanding year for New England football, with NMMH and Deerfield in particular shining.

So, while Andover experienced several bright spots through the course of the fall, in all the team struggled. Still, many of the season's woes were forgotten after an exciting victory over perennial rival Exeter. Looking back, game analysts said the returning coaches and players anticipated a season of success.

After two early season losses, including a three point heartbreaker to local prep school Cushing, Andover was confronted with a must-win game against a surprisingly good Choate squad. As they would throughout the season, returning players were startled by a loss to a team that had been weak in 1995.

The game's beginning was chaotic. On the opening play from scrimmage Jeremy Hensch '99, who shined for the entire year, intercepted the ball. On the next three possessions, the offensive team fumbled the ball. "It was really ugly out there," commented Tommy Ryan '97, "it was obvious that both teams were jittery and that neither had much experience." Following Choate's second turnover, Andover matched to their opponents, an army of pass blockers and fakes and bootlegs that Choate did not prepare for. Unfortunately a defender fumbled the ball from Lower Jimmy Smithwick's hands, leaving Choate with the ball on their own two yard line.

Making the best of a bad situation, David Waldstein '97 got around and offensive tackle to force a safety. Characteristically, Andover fumbled the fumble on the punt that follows every safety, leaving Cushing with an excellent field position. After passing for a

touchdown, Choate converted a two point play, leaving themselves with an 8-2 lead. After this flurry of scoring, the team's settled into a rhythm. Though undermanned after the loss of 280 lb. linemen, Andover's 97 offense was clearly more talented. While O'Brien, who guided the team at quarterback all year, continued with Tony Dent '98 on several occasions, Andover additionally felt the loss of running back Matt Smith '97 due to injury.

In the second half, though, kicker Liam Fleming '97 tied the game with two long field goals, both of which followed long pass plays. It was clear, after a fifteen minute period of no scoring, that the game would come down to the wire. Unfortunately for the Blue, Choate finally cracked the scoreboard on a drive that included two of the drive penalty calls. On the final play of the drive and game, the Choate quarterback lobbed a pass to the tight end. The game ended as quickly as it had begun, with Choate players flying off on the field, and the Blue's luck won the game thirty point thought.

With their playoff chances rapidly dwindling, Assistant Coach Lou Bernieri made a point of teasing the schedule into two. This symbolic gesture galvanized the players' interest in the second half run into a powerful, untimely, the Blue would run into a powerful, quick Kent squad the next Saturday.

The Kent game began well enough. Andover's offense kept the Kent receiving captains and referees left Kent receiving the ball halves' starts. Following a defensive stop, Smith ran for 52 of the Blue's 92 yards on a drive which ended with a Smith touchdown. Unfortunately, the usually dependable Fleming booked his kick left.

Following their initial success, Andover broke down. Kent's 34 unanswered points reasserted their dominance in every facet of the game. Dejected, the Blue's offense was unable to recover the lead. Captain O'Brien, who finished with 173 yards on 13-21 passing, commented, "We tried our hardest, but on that day, they were far better."

After the Kent game, the football team fell into its weekly malaise, with NMMH next on its schedule. "This whole week, we really didn't practice that well," commented one of the coaches after the NMMH game. This

certainly showed up on the field, as Andover fell 33-0. It was indicative of the team's inability to stop their opponents that Captain Williams, who plays strong safety, lead the team in tackles, with 9. After the half, the score was 19-0, and NMMH's refusal to slow down in the 2nd half angered some players.

After the game, the coaches decided to change things around. In order to avoid turnovers and control the ball, two difficulties that plagued the Blue all year, the team decided to form a rotation for the remainder of the season. This rotation changed the players, despite the team's 0-5 record. "I think our last game was an opportunity," I think our last three games afford us an opportunity to live the season. We're going to focus more on the running game, and mix it up on defense. I don't think we'll really get as the season winds down."

This prophecy would eventually prove true, as Andover won its final two games. However, the next week's Deerfield game did not go as well as the Blue had hoped. Despite general improved play, Andover fell 20-7. What made this loss so frustrating was that Deerfield scored 65% of the points in the first 4 minutes of the game, after which time the teams played at about the same level.

Perhaps the most heartening thing that Andover practiced during the Parent Play Weekend was the value of the return of several underclassmen, including Hensch,

J.P. Chisolm '99 and Smithwick '96. Also, Ryan Chisolm '99 and Henderson '97 were a very effective trio at running back. However, old problems with turnovers and defense reemerged for the boys, not a good sign given the upcoming games against goals 0-6 and 0-7.

Finally, with their record at 0-6 and their spirits low, the Blue decided to give to the spirit of the season of victory when they beat Deerfield. The game was a 17-16 victory, one of the best teams on Andover's schedule entering the football season is representative of the team's marked improvement over the course of the season. With the victory, all of the nightmare blowouts and late-game losses were washed away in a flood of happiness. Captain Garth Williams said, "Man, I was so scared that we weren't going to win all year. This feels great."

The surprising leader of this game was the aforementioned Smithwick, who ran for 172 yards on 23 carries, enough to garner him the A-100 title of week award. Although the Blue's defense was not strong enough to win the game, Smithwick's five yard run, Kicker Fleming's ensuing extra point, the Blue, connected on the season as a team.

On the Westies' first play from scrimmage, John Constantino '99, another bright young player, was able to force a fumble and recover the ball near the opposition's 30 yard line. After O'Brien connected with Dent and Williams on two passing plays, Smithwick punched the ball into the end zone from the three-yard line. The two touchdowns were a welcome surprise for the Blue coaches, who had seen their squad march down the field only to be forced into a field goal situation.

Following Fleming's second extra point of the day, things leveled off. While Andover's offense stalled, its defense was remarkable. Williams and Waldstein each recorded 12 tackles on the day, Tim Tracy '97 brought down eleven men, and Ryan managed to stop eight. Unfortunately, a West Roxbury defender was able to pick up the forced fumble and run 55 yards to the end zone. Though an attempted two point conversion failed, momentum was returning between the two squads as the half drew to a close.

As the second half began, the Blue played with a renewed vigor, driving the ball to the three-yard line. While the team stalled during the third quarter, a thirty yard field goal seemed to define the West Roxbury hopes. The last time the Westies posed any threat was in the last drive of the game. Fortunately, Adrian Quam '97 was able to force a fumble, ensuring Andover's first victory.

After the game, the players flooded the field with the jubilation of Super Bowl championships. However, thoughts quickly turned to the team's next and final opponent. Said Smithwick, "We're over the hump now, we've got to beat Exeter."

With a renewed will, Andover practiced every day until the Exeter game. For many seniors, a win against Exeter would be deemed the season, in a remarkably improbable event. Andover did, in fact, come out on top, as in the teams' shoot-out, 30-23. "This win season on October's tragic season," commented Williams, "and everyone is thrilled."

Coming into the game, Exeter boasted both a 4-3 record and one of the area's best quarterbacks, Knox Vanderpool PEA '97. However, both teams knew that the game would be a defensive battle, in which the team that made the fewest offensive blunders would have the best shot at winning.

Indeed, throughout the game Andover relied on its defense to get out of bad situations. The best example of this came on Exeter's first possession. A bad punt landed the Exes on the PA, 10 yard line. The Blue's crowd sensed doom. However, the Blue's defensive line, anchored by J.W. Jordan '97, refused to give up for a loss on two dropped passes. Opting to go for it on fourth down, Exeter's running back got to the 1 inch line, and was thwarted. In a bind, Andover's defense, who ran the ball for seven crucial yards. Though forced to punt, the momentum clearly favored Andover going into the second quarter.

In the most important play of the game, Exeter unsuccessfully tried to run a fake punt, which Ryan blocked. Three plays later, Fleming nailed a 35 yard field goal. From that point, the game settled into a seesaw battle. The closest that Exeter came to scoring was after Dent masterfully thwarted a passing play, forcing the Exes to try a twenty yard field goal. Fortunately, the place-kicker drew a ball into a lineman's hand, giving Williams the ball. On another drive, Williams broke up a long pass and Dent intercepted. After three punts, O'Brien knelted, and the Blue's players and fans swept onto the field once again.

So the Andover team can say, had, despite their poor record of 2-6, to have had a good season. The Exeter win will, in the words of one player, "remain in my heart forever." Also, fans have several reasons to be optimistic about next year's season, with returning players including Hensch, Chisolm, and Smithwick, all seniors. The team's captains will be O'Brien and Dent. In all, this year, though definitely not Andover's best all year, was a fun one in which the team coalesced at the end of the season and came out victorious in the two games that mattered the most to everyone.

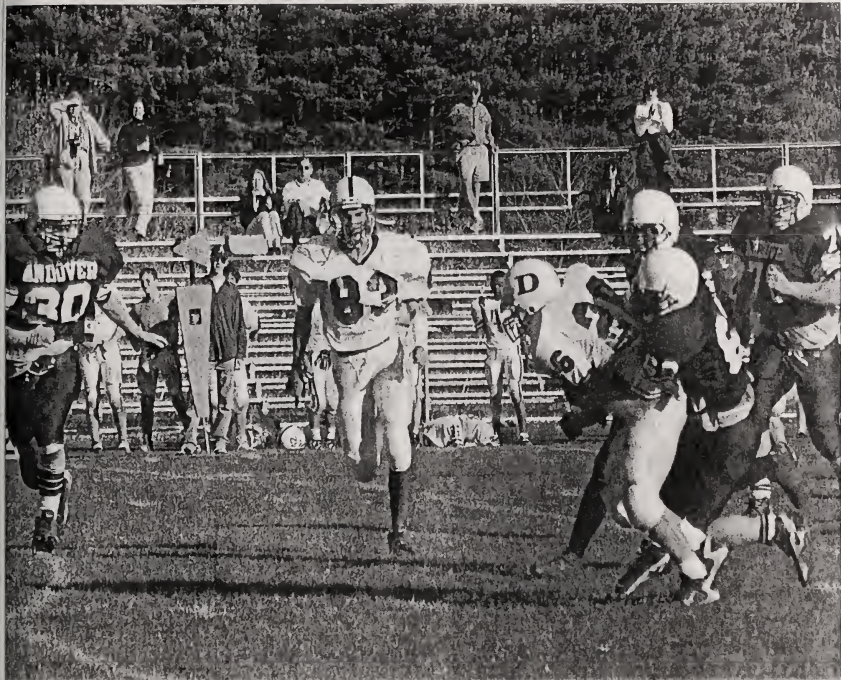


Photo: O'Neil

Andover demonstrated physical play all season which paid off in the end with a victory over Exeter



Photo: J. McNeill

Next Year's Co-Captains Connect: Quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98 lifts the ball over the fingertips

We had a tough season this year, mainly because of injuries. However, we came together at the end of the season and pulled through when it counted the most. To be honest, I definitely wouldn't trade this season for anything. We worked hard, and I was really proud of the team.

-Kyle O'Brien '98

It was a bit disappointing coming off of a championship season to lose our first six, with the injuries and youth of our team. You have to hand it to the younger kids... They pushed us through our first win, and after that we had confidence against Exeter; a game that allowed us to end up on a good note.

-Garth Williams '97

SPORT: BOYS SOCCER

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: IAN KLAUS & JEREMY KURZYNIEC

HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:

HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: BILL SCOTT

ASSISTANT COACHES: MIKE McCLEERY

SEASON RECORD

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Soccer - BV
Babatunde, Oladapo M.
Bacariza, Jon-Paul
Baron, Andrew S.
Coughlin, M. H.
Harmeling, Taylor O.
Holmes, David B.
Klaus, Robert I. C. (α)
Kurzyniec, Jeremy M. (cc)
MacInnis, Nicholas G.
McAfee, Zachary R. G.
Parnes, Dana (M)
Pierog, Michael K.
Podolec, Bradley S.
Powell, Richard M., Jr.
Reynolds, Justin M.
Risseeuw, Philipp E.
Rowe, Patrick D.
Valdesolo, Piercarlo
Wang, Zachary H.
Wartman, Jed W.
Wooten, Jason M.

BOYS' SOCCER

Sat., Sept. 11	Middlesex (scrimmage)	Away	
Sat., Sept. 14	Holderness Jamboree	Away	
Wed., Sept. 18	Brooks (scrimmage)	Home	Canceled
Sat., Sept. 21	Loomis-Chaffee	Away	1-4
Wed., Sept. 25	Holderness	home	6-1
Sat., Sept. 28	Tabor	home	1-0
Fri., Oct. 4	Babson	away	2-0
Wed., Oct. 9	Bridgton Academy	home	0-0
Sat., Oct. 12	Choate	away	0-3
Wed., Oct. 16	Tufts	home	2-1
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.	away	0-2
Wed., Oct. 23	Harvard	away	2-2
Sat., Oct. 26	Deerfield	home	2-1
Wed., Oct. 30	Moses Brown	away	3-2
Fri., Nov. 1	Cushing	home	3-0
Wed., Nov. 6	New Hampton	away	8-2
Sat., Nov. 9	Exeter	home	3-2

Boys' Soccer Team Boasts New Talent

by Nick MacInnis and Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Entering the '96 season, Andover soccer once again has its sights set on the New England Prep S c h o o l

Championship. A successful defense of their title, however, will require a lot of maturity from an overall young and inexperienced team as well as a heavy concentration on "the little things". The team's youth is its most obvious characteristic. Four, first year varsity lowers, Halsey Coughlin, Piercarlo Valdesolo, Justin Reynolds and Nick MacInnis, joined returner Mike Pierog '99 to give the team a solid, young base. In addition, junior Dapo Babatunde should make a major impact at forward.

Of course, veteran play shall set the tone for the entire season, so eyes have turned to team captains Ian Klaus '97 and Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 for leadership. Kurzyniec is expected to team up with Richie Powell '97 in the midfield to orchestrate a creative offense. Jason Wooten '97 will tend the net for the Big Blue this year. He can also be expected to be one of the team's strongest leaders on the field. His assessment of the squad is that, "The team may be physically small, but we are very good technically and on the pitch we play like a bunch of maniacs."

Holderness Jamboree

Andover received an informal test of their ability at the Holderness Jamboree, where it played remarkably well in four, forty minute contests. The Big Blue defeated Belmont Hill, Roxbury Latin and St. Paul's by the scores of 1-0, 2-1, and 1-0 respective-

ly. Thayer Academy played Andover to a scoreless tie.

In the first game of the day against Belmont Hill, Andover was outplayed in the early going, but Wooten kept the game scoreless with some superb saves. His stellar goaltending gave his team the chance to claim a preseason victory. Babatunde capitalized on the opportunity by netting the game's only goal.

In their second game, Andover sent in many of its second string players in order to rest its starters. The contest proved to be an excellent showcase for the team's depth as the back-ups played very strongly in a scoreless tie with Thayer.

Against Roxbury Latin, Reynolds displayed his offensive potential by scoring both Andover goals. The big story of this game, however, wasn't the Big Blue's offensive effort, but rather the loss of its defensive leader, Brad Podolec '97, to injury. Podolec's broken ankle is a major disappointment for both him and the team. In his absence, the team instantaneously becomes thin on defense. Andover will now have to alter its game plan and place further pressure on its midfield to control the ball and win the possession game. Dave Holmes '97 also felt the effects of the injury as he will make the move from striker to defense in order to aid the team.

In the final game of the day, Andover stepped up the defense in their third shut out of the day, a 1-0 win over St. Paul's. Babatunde scored his second goal of the day proving that he will provide a large part of the offense throughout the season. Phil Risseuw '98 and Coughlin lead an excellent, defensive effort. This strong play in the backfield will have to continue if Andover wants to overcome the loss of Podolec and have a successful season.

Boys' Fall To Loomis-Chaffee Rebound Against Holderness

by Nick MacInnis and Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Loomis-Chaffee	4
Andover	1
Andover	6
Holderness	1



In its season opener, the Big Blue was pitted against Loomis-Chaffee. In this contest, Andover didn't seem to bring the spirit or intensity which it needed to compete with a strong Loomis team; the overall effort was marred by "sluggish" play, as Andover lost 4-1.

Andover looked to be out of contention from the start, as Loomis dominated the early going. While Loomis kept possession and set the game's pace, Andover found itself in a defensive mode through most of the first half.

Faced with the 1-0 deficit at the half, Andover came back with quality play that wasn't seen in the first half, and a game-tying goal came when Richie Powell '97 netted a direct kick from 25 yards out. The Big Blue, however, could not sustain the momentum that they gained from this goal. Busman, a Loomis star, put Loomis right back on top when he turned a midfield steal into his second goal of the game.

Finally, as Andover pressed for a goal towards the end of a game, Loomis was able to create easy scoring opportunities. In the final fifteen minutes they were able to push two cheap goals by keeper Jason Wooten '97, which yielded the ugly 4-1 final.

Holderness

The crushing defeat at the hands of Loomis did not sting the young team for long, as it rebounded with a decisive win on Wednesday. The 6-1 dismantling of Holderness was, as team captain Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 put it, "definitely what the team needed."

Andover dominated from the onset in a lopsided affair, but nerves were a little on edge through the early parts of the game as the Big Blue was



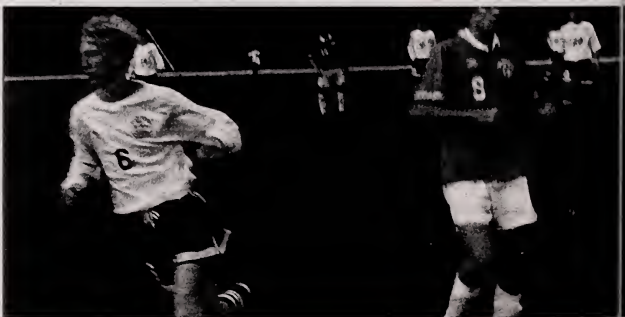
Captain Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 fights for possession in their losing battle against Loomis

Photo / J. T. ...

unable to connect on any of its scoring chances. The tension was finally relieved when Powell broke the scoreless tie. His goal was quickly followed by a second score before the half from Pat Rowe '97. The goals late in the first half opened up the floodgates, and Andover went on to score four times in the second half. Justin Reynolds '99 and Jean-Paul Bacariza '97 contributed to the scoring effort with a goal each, and Powell added two more for the hat trick. This enormous offensive power surge was, in part, catalyzed by the return of team captain, Ian Klaus '97. He played a major role in the attack with two as-

sists.

After being reshuffled, the defensive unit played superbly. Pat Valdesolo '99 played well and tried to lead the defense, after making a switch: from forward to fullback. Because of the strong play in the backfield, Wooten was hardly in net. The only Holderness goal came on a fantastic shot that ricocheted off both posts and into the net. This goal was of no consequence, however, because Andover had already amassed a 5-0 lead. The team hopes to continue this dominant style of play in their home game at Tabor this Saturday at 2:00.



Phil Risseuw strays from his sweeper position and makes a rare appearance on

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Blue Holds Tabor In Critical League Game

by Nick MacInnis and Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover
Tabor

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After splitting its opening two games, Andover squared off with Tabor Academy this past Saturday. To raise its record to 2-1, the Blue relied heavily on its finesse against a Tabor squad that boasts an excess of talent. In fact, the contest was a meeting of two teams with completely contrasting styles of play; while Tabor uses its size and speed to dominate games, the smaller Andover team squad employs a possession oriented offense. This match-up proved to be a low-scoring, defensive affair.

From the onset, Jason Wooten '97 established himself as a force in net. Facing a one-on-one situation, he smothered the ball along with one of Tabor's best scoring chances. For the day, Wooten turned away all five Tabor shots for his first shutout of the year.

However, on the other end of the field, the Tabor defense also stepped up and slowed the Andover attack, but the Big Blue was able to capitalize on a defensive miscue. Justin Reynolds '99 put a header by the goalie, after Halsey Coughlin '99 played a ball to the middle that Tabor failed to clear.

After the goal in the twenty-fifth minute, Andover's attention, as well as the game's tone switched to defense. The starting four backs, Mike Pierog '99, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, Phil



Fiesty Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 battles for possession as Photo / O. Mark
Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 looks on

Risseuw '98, and Coughlin, played strongly as a unit. Along with help from the midfield, including Pat Rowe '97, they shielded their goalie and stifled a persistent Tabor offense. The Big Blue also relied on the team co-captains, Ian Klaus '97 and Jeremy Kurzyniec '97, at midfield to control the ball and break up the offensive pressure.

The Blue maintained its lead through the first half, and entered the second with the same emphasis on defensive intensity. All four defensive starters remained in the game, and these players owned their end of the field. As the game progressed, Tabor began to control the tempo. Tabor in-

creased the offensive pressure on Andover as they pressed for a goal, but the Big Blue stood firm, aided by the support of an unusually large crowd.

Only when Valdesolo fell to injury, did the Andover defense show signs of weakness. However, Taylor Hamerling '98 quickly stepped in to fill the void, and it was he who cleared a Tabor cross in the final two minutes to preserve the 1-0 Andover victory.

Andover's tendency to sit on its lead led Pierog to call the game, "an ugly win," but it was "just what the team needed" according to Valdesolo.

The Big Blue will take its 2-1 record to Choate next Saturday.



Soccer Shuts Out Babson, Has Trouble With Bridgeton

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Andover	2
Babson JV	0
Andover	0
Bridgton Academy	0



The boys brought a record of 2-1 into this week's slate of games in which they were tested by Babson College and Bridgton Academy.

The team also had the opportunity to hone its skills in a scrimmage with Brooks Academy. As this week came to a close, Andover emerged with a winning record of 3-1-1.

Babson JV

On Friday night, Andover traveled to Babson for its first encounter of the week. Unfortunately, the game was marred by Babson's rough play and cheap fouls, but as Dapo Babatunde '00 put it, "nobody lost their cool," and the Big Blue ended up with a 2-0 victory.

From the outset, Andover saw their opponent's size come into play as Babson retained possession and put unrelenting pressure on the Andover net. However, this initial charge went unrewarded, and when Jeremy Kuryzniec '97 settled the ball at midfield in the tenth minute, the flow of the game began to shift into Andover's favor. Although Kuryzniec's play didn't result in a goal, it did break up Babson's dominance of the early goings. As the first half progressed, Andover began to establish itself as the better team, and in the closing minutes of the half, the Blue was able to snap the scoreless tie. Dave Holmes '97 netted the first goal of the game after Pat Rowe '97 easily moved the ball past the defense.

In the second half, Holmes added some insurance by capitalizing on a



Despite the score, Andover had multiple chances to score on the underestimated Bridgton Photo / O. Tripp

one-on-one opportunity that was, once again, set up by Rowe. This goal, however, proved unnecessary, as Mike Pierog '99 was stellar in leading the Andover backfield. The defense smothered Babson's attack to give the Big Blue its second consecutive shutout.

Brooks

On Monday, Andover faced off with cross-town rival Brooks Academy in a friendly scrimmage. Most notable for the Big Blue was the solid play of back-up goaltender, Jed Wartman '97. Filling in for the regular starter Jason Wooten '97, Wartman came up with quality saves in an overall strong performance. Backed by the exemplary net play, Andover took the offensive in the second half and came away with two goals. The first was put in by Babatunde on a rebound of his own shot. The second came from MacInnis on a well placed chip shot. The 2-0 lead was preserved in yet another shutout pitched by the Blue.

Bridgton Academy

Bridgton Academy brought an unblemished record to Andover for Wednesday's contest. Despite its 6-0 start, Bridgton proved to be only a mediocre team. Andover jumped out from the beginning and controlled virtually every aspect of the game. Keeper Jason Wooten '97 was never severely tested, nor did the defense ever have to face a strong offensive challenge. Bridgton was clearly overmatched, but Andover seemed to be plagued by bad luck as it failed to connect on numerous scoring opportunities. Richie Powell '97 and Ian Klause '97 both put excellent shots on goal only to see them ricochet off the post. Kuryzniec also had an excellent scoring chance go by the boards when the Bridgton keeper came up with the save on his one-on-one opportunity.

The Blue continued their domination throughout the entire game, but at the final whistle the scoreboard still indicated a 0-0 deadlock. While Bridgton was elated with their effort, it was obvious that Andover knew that it had let one slip away. Many of the players noted that the tie felt like a loss. Assistant Coach McCleary offered, "It's a cruel game, and sometimes the ball just doesn't bounce your way."

The Big Blue will have to get over this performance in time for their meeting with Choate this Saturday. Andover expects a hard fought battle as Choate has been mowing down its opposition this season. As long as the boys in Blue can give the same effort in upcoming games, the ball will begin to bounce their way.



Left Wing Pat Rowe '97 turns on the speed down the line Photo / O. Tripp

Choate Shuts Out Blue

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Choate	3
Andover	0
Andover	2
Tufts JV	1



Andover entered this week of play with a 3-1-1 record hoping to solidify its place as one of the NEPSAC powerhouses. To do this, The Blue soccer

would need to overcome Choate in a contest that had been looming large on its schedule from the beginning of the season. Choate has unquestionably established itself as one of the NEPSAC championship favorites by obliterating the competition through the first half of the season.

Neither team was able to take the lead in the first half as the game remained deadlocked at 0-0. The two squads, then witnessed the scoreless streak continue well into the second half. The lack of offensive results, however, could not be attributed to a lack of opportunities. Andover alone had four free kicks within twenty-five yards, but it failed to connect on any of them. It wasn't until there was about twenty-five minutes remaining in the contest that Choate finally snapped the scoreless tie. The goal came on well placed shot that deflected off a diving Jason Wooten's hands into the back of the net.

After the first goal, the Big Blue saw a disturbing trend that had plagued them earlier this season reemerge. Towards the end of the game when Andover needed to step up the pressure more than ever, it saw a lull in intensity. Players compared their effort to the sluggish play that led to a 4-1 loss in their season opener. In the final fifteen minutes, Choate slipped two more relatively easy goals past Wooten. These accounted for the deceptive 3-0 final score.

Tufts JV

In its second game of the week, Andover matched up with the JV squad from Tufts University. Coming off the loss to Choate, the Big Blue needed a win to avoid sink-

ing to the .500 level. Faced with this challenge, the team gave a "gritty performance," as Coach Scott put it, in a 2-1 victory.

The squad came out determined to avoid another scoring drought, and it jumped on top of Tufts early with two first half goals. The first of these came on a Pat Rowe '97 chip shot in middle of the first half. The second goal came shortly after, when Powell took advantage of a three-on-two opportunity by passing to Dave Holmes '97, who, in turn, crossed the ball to Team Co-Captain Ian Klause. '97. Klause settled the ball and drove a shot past the goalie to give Andover a 2-0 lead.

With the advantage, the Big Blue defense played well as it gave up only what it could afford to. Led by Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 and Phil Risseuw '98, Andover did allow one goal midway through the second half, but it did everything it had to, to preserve the victory.

The win leaves the Blue with a 4-2-1 record, which would appear to indicate a quality season, but inconsistencies have arisen in the team's play. Next week's games will be vital in determining whether Andover soccer will rise to contend for the league championship or sink into a pattern of mediocrity. The next game pits Andover against N.M.H. on Saturday.



Captain Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 practices skills Photo / O. Tripp

ANDOVER OFFENSE UNABLE TO OVERCOME NMH HARVARD JV

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NMH	2
Andover	0
Andover	2
Harvard	2



Boys' Soccer faced two of the most talented teams on their schedule this week. The week concluded with a loss to Northfield and a disappointing tie with the Harvard JV.

NMH

Last Saturday, the boys' soccer team made the trip to NMH, hoping to bolster its mediocre 2-2-1 conference record. To do this, Andover not only had to overcome an imposing NMH squad, but also a pair of injuries which kept reserve forwards Dapo Babatunde '00 (strained ankle tendons) and Nick MacInnis '99 (thigh bruise) on the sidelines.

On the field of play, Andover came out rather flat, and the skilled

NMH squad didn't take long to take advantage of this lackadaisical play. Sean Rodriguez '97 led the opposition to two goals in a ten minute span of time, mid way through the first half. Rodriguez chipped a ball into the box where it was redirected over an out of place Jason Wooten '97. Shortly after, Rodriguez tallied a goal of his own by driving a well placed header into the back of the net. The Big Blue found that it was unable to respond to the NMH goals, as it struggled to mount any semblance of an offensive attack in the closing minutes of the first half.

Half time did seem to revitalize the beleaguered team, as the Blue came out and controlled play through much of the second half, but a lack of offensive strength continued to hamper its efforts. Although Andover outplayed NMH, it produced only a few notable scoring opportunities. The most promising of which came when the NMH keeper barely beat out Dave Holmes '97 to a well placed pass from Richie Powell '97. Defenseman Phil Risseuw '98 also threatened NMH's lead when he drilled a volley just wide of the net from thirty yards out. Despite these

brief spurts of offense, however, the team failed to put consistent pressure on the NMH net, and Andover was left with a 2-0 defeat.

Harvard JV

On Wednesday, Andover once again hit the road to match up with Harvard's JV team. Despite this offensive boost, however, the game began as a defensive affair. The two squads battled back and forth, but neither team was able to establish control. The Big Blue defense held the Harvard offense scoreless through the first half, but the Harvard backfield equalized this feat. Hence, the teams remained deadlocked at zero.

Harvard opened the scoring in the second half on a great individual effort; the Harvard forward single-handedly beat the Andover backfield and slipped the ball past Wooten. However, Andover who clearly had the stronger team play, quickly responded when MacInnis volleyed a bouncing ball past the Harvard keeper.

Andover continued to dominate play in the second half, and eventually surged into the lead when Holmes tucked the ball inside the far post from a very tough angle, giving the Blue a 2-1 lead. This goal appeared to be the knockout punch, and as the seconds ticked down, Andover looked to be headed towards its third consecutive win in the college JV circuit. However, just as time expired the referee stepped in and called a pushing foul that wasn't associated with the play. Harvard quickly scored on the penalty kick that it was rewarded. This controversial call outraged Andover players and coaches and lead Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 to call the referee "a blithering idiot." Despite Andover's vehement protests, however, the call was upheld and the contest resulted in a tie.

Exiting this week of play, Andover maintains a respectable overall record of 4-3-2, but its league record which determines tournament eligibility is a sub-par 2-3-1. This leaves Andover in a desperate scramble for wins, as they will most likely need to win the rest of their league competitions.



Jason Wooten '97 handles the slow moving ball with ease. Wooten played well the past week despite the offense's inability to score for him. Photo / O. Mark

Two Victories Keep Post-Season Hopes Alive

by Nick MacInnis and Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	2
Deerfield	1
Andover	3
Moses Brown	2



By Coach Scott's estimation, the team can not afford even one more loss if it wanted to keep its post-season aspirations alive. In its first

contest of the week Andover couldn't help but feel frustrated, as the team struggled to overcome Deerfield squad. Nevertheless, the Blue emerged victorious from this must-win game with a score of 2-1.

On Wednesday, the Big Blue traveled to Moses Brown for an encounter that proved to be one of the more exciting games of the season. Overflowing with spirit and desire, the Moses Brown team put Andover's post-season run in jeopardy, but eventually it succumbed to the Big Blue by a score of 3-2. After these wins, Andover set its sights on its upcoming contest versus Moses Brown. Coach Scott advocated focus as he said, "We need to win our next four games, but its imperative that we take them one game at a time."

Deerfield

In front of last Saturday's parents' weekend crowd, Andover squared off with Deerfield in an unevenly matched contest. It was evident from the outset that the Big Blue had the stronger squad, but it wasn't until the closing minutes of the first half that the Andover offense finally found their groove. Under the leadership of Pat Rowe '97, the team tallied two goals in the final eight minutes of the half. The first came on a beautifully executed half-volley off the foot of Rowe, and only three minutes later, Andover doubled its lead after displaying some textbook combination passing. Once again, it was Rowe who notched the goal for the Big Blue, this time with an assist from Richie Powell '97. Thus, the first half ended with Andover on top 2-0.

In the second half, the Blue opted not to assert the same aggressive play that it showed in the first half in favor of a much more cautious and defensive style of play. This strategy, however, nearly backfired as Andover played very sluggishly in trying to protect its lead. Deerfield cut the lead in half with a goal midway through the second half. However, despite the continued sluggish play, Andover did ward off the Deerfield attack and preserved its 2-1 victory.

Moses Brown

On Wednesday, Andover attempted to build on its win over Deerfield in a game against Moses Brown that

was classified as a match up of "skill vs. spirit". In this contest, Andover was unquestionably the better team. However its opposition's enthusiasm seemed to overwhelm the Blue in the beginning of the game. In fact, it was Moses Brown that jumped out to the early lead. Only nine minutes into the game, Moses Brown picked up a cheap goal on an easy put-back, after a Jason Wooten '97 save.

The score remained 1-0 through much of the first half. Andover, however, refused to slow down as the half entered the final minutes, and with only thirty seconds remaining, Dave Holmes '97 netted the equalizer. This late goal fired up the Big Blue. With this new energy along with strong play from reserve players Zack Macafee '97 and Zack Wong '98, Andover was a more determined team in the second half. Although Moses Brown recaptured the lead on a goal early in the second half, the Blue came roaring back with two goals in rapid succession to take the lead. After Powell and Jeremy Kurzyzniec '97 put the team on top with a goal each, Andover protected its 3-2 lead superbly with a strong defensive stand.

After these two hard fought victories, Andover's record stands at a notable 6-3-2. Nevertheless, the Blue still needs to sweep its final four games including a match with rival Exeter in order to qualify for the tournament.

Boys' Soccer Beats Exeter, Misses Tournament Despite Positive Record

by Nick MacInnis and Dan Sloan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	3
Exeter	2



The boys' varsity soccer team's season culminated this past weekend against rival Exeter in front of a tremendous home crowd. The squad, as expected, was already energized for the renewal of the all-important rivalry, yet, the boys raised their level of intensity even higher, knowing that any tournament hopes hinged on this one contest. On the field, Andover undoubtedly appeared to be the better team as it dominated in a deceptively close 3-2 victory. Only Exeter's scrappy, emotional play kept the game within reach.

In front of the large, Andover/Exeter crowd, the Big Blue scored first, less than fifteen minutes into the game. The team capitalized on a little luck early on, when a chip into the box from team co-captain Jeremy Kuryzniec '97 was slowed by a puddle. This set up a perfect opportunity for Andover's other captain, Ian Klaus '97 who took full advantage of the pass by driving the ball past the Exeter keeper.

Ten minutes later, Klaus, once again, figured prominently in an Andover goal as he attempted to back-heel the ball into the Exeter net. Although an Exeter defender prevented the goal with a last-second deflection, the ball ended up at the feet of Nick MacInnis '99. This left MacInnis with an easy put back opportunity which he nailed. The

Andover advantage, which at that point stood at 2-0, would remain unchanged through the remaining portion of the half.

Playing on emotion, the Exeter squad intensified their play scoring early in the second half. The goal came on a perfect shot from the eighteen which eluded the well positioned Andover keeper, Jason Wooten '97, and found its way to the corner of the net.

After seeing Exeter pull within striking distance, Andover responded decisively. Only two minutes later, the Big Blue reestablished its two goal lead when Jed Wartman '97 blasted a shot past the goaltender. This goal appeared to put the contest out of reach, but Exeter clung to whatever hope remained and actually narrowed the gap when they scored their second goal with ten minutes remaining in the game.

Andover retaliated, however, with exemplary play in the final min-

utes to stifle Exeter's hopes to tie the game. Rather than sitting back in a defensive posture, the Big Blue took the offensive. Although Andover failed to score in these closing minutes, the squad denied Exeter any further chances as the Blue emerged victorious by the score of 3-2.

Unfortunately, the elation resulting from this victory ended up mixing with disappointment as the team became aware that it had failed to make the New England Championship Tournament. Despite its 10-3-1 record and its difficult schedule, Andover was passed over by the tournament selection committee. This decision gives the soccer team's praise worthy season a bitter-sweet ending, but coaches and players still look upon it favorably. As Coach Scott said, "Despite the fact that we didn't make the tournament, we had a good season. Anytime you win ten games, it's a good season."



Dave Holmes '97 controls the ball in their final game of the season Photo / O.Mark



Photo / O. Mark

David Holmes '97

"For me, soccer is not about personal glory. It is a religious experience that broadens the mind and enhances the soul"

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Dave Holmes is a man of determination and intensity. Yet at the same time, he exudes a calm confidence that is easily seen in his actions on the field. As a member of the boys varsity soccer team, Holmes has lead by example, yet is quick to state that any success that he might have, is only due to the talent of his teammates.

Soccer has been a part of David's life for as long as he can remember. His father is an extremely talented soccer coach from the town of Andover, and Dave picked up most of his game from his knowledgeable father. Once Holmes played his first organized game at age six, he knew that soccer would be in his future. Playing in-town soccer was necessary until he reached the Under-12 league in Andover, when teams begin to travel to neighboring towns. Dave's dad coached him throughout his middle school days, and at this time Dave "lived and breathed soccer." Amazingly, Holmes played four seasons of soccer every year in middle school: two teams in the fall, indoor soccer in the winter, and club teams in the spring.

Dave knew all along that he wanted to come to Andover, and when he started here in the fall of 1994, he opted to play JVIII soccer. Four years ago, JVIII was a competitive team (not instructional like it is today), playing a full freshman schedule. "That year was a lot of fun," says Dave. Holmes was one of the many standouts on that team, a few of which would go on to play varsity.

Lower year, Holmes made the jump to JV, starting along with Ian Klaus '97, Jed Wartman '97, and Jason Wooten '97, who together

make up the core of this year's varsity team. These boys had a great season, only dropping one game. When upper year began, Holmes arrived on campus early, intending to try out for the varsity team. His hard work during double and triple sessions paid off: Dave made the team. The season wasn't an exceptional one. Although the boys won the New England title, Dave did not get much playing time, because of the many experienced seniors on the team. "One thing I did learn," notes Holmes, "is the two-footed slide tackle from [Will] Hench ['96]... Winning the title was a huge thrill."



Photo/O. Tripp

From the start of this season, Dave knew he was going to be one of the leaders of this young varsity team. Not only did he have to continue his excellence on the field, but he also took on the burden of integrating the many newcomers into the Andover soccer system. "I feel, personally, that I have tried to treat every one of my teammates the same, basically," says Dave. The returning players, such as Wartman, co-captain Klaus, Phil Rissuew '98, Mike Pierog '99, and co-captain Jeremy Kurzyniec '97, are a close-knit group, but have accepted new players easily. Nick MacInnis '99 and Taylor Harmeling '98, two former JV starters, are now

making solid contributions, according to Holmes. "Even though we have a young team," says Dave, "we still can contend for the title."

Undoubtedly, Holmes' best game of his Varsity career was last Friday against the Babson JV. Holmes netted two goals. Thinking about his performance he commented, "It was the first game that I actually showed up to play... and I performed well." Holmes' two goals were the only ones of the game, leading The Big Blue to a 2-0 victory. "I scored two goals, but none of it would have been possible without Kurzyniec and [Pat] Rowe. ['97]. They set me up on both of

them." After scoring his second goal, Dave reported that his dad could be heard saying, "it's prettay... it's so prettay..." Support from the crowd is always key in soccer. Holmes is also quick to emphasize the prowess of the team's co-captains. "Jeremy and Ian are great captains and even better role models."

The goals for the season are simple: Dave and his teammates want to win the title for the third straight time. "This year would be so much sweeter... for all of the seniors especially." The team must learn each other's tendencies on the field before it can truly challenge for the title. Accomplishing this task is becoming more of a reality, as the boys continue learn more about each other. Besides soccer, Dave is the co-president of the Chinese Club, and he hopes to begin a senior-only mini-golf team. Watch for this in the spring, class of '97. Dave Holmes is synonymous with unselfish soccer, and he continually refuses to take credit for his many accomplishments.



Ian Klaus '97

"He's among the finest players and fellows I've had the pleasure of playing with..." —Co-Captain Jeremy Kurzyniec

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A fixture in Andover soccer for the past four years, Ian Klaus '97 has gone from a contributing member of the program, to a bona fide star. He has developed his game during his time here, and the results have been all positive. Soccer is a constant challenge for Ian, as he is continually attempting to improve his game.

Klaus hails from a state abundant with talented soccer players, California. Marin County, Ian's home, is no exception. Ian remembers playing organized soccer from the first possible opportunities, and instantly fell in love with the game. His mom, dad, and brother, who is now a freshman at the Brooks School in North Andover, are also soccer lovers, and have been supportive of Ian's talents. These talents were particularly evident when Ian made under-12 select teams at the tender age of ten.

While Ian was preparing to embark on his journey to high school, one of his former coaches, a graduate of the Groton School in Groton, MA., recommended that Ian take a look at several prep schools in the northeast. While Klaus and his family were in Massachusetts, they decided to look at Andover. After the visit, Klaus knew that Andover was the place for him. "It was kind of strange. I mean, I am the only person that I know from home that is going to prep school."

Entering as a freshman, Ian knew that he was going to play soccer here, but did not know which team he would make. "When you come in as a freshman," says Ian, "everyone is bigger and faster than you." After try-outs, including some time with JVIII, Klaus was placed on the JV squad. This was an amazing feat, as no other juniors made that team, and only Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 made varsity. Klaus played so well that by the end of the season, he was starting for JV.

The following year, Klaus spent the entire year on JV. This time, how-

ever, Klaus came prepared with more firepower. Dave Holmes '97, Jason Wooten '97 (who saw some time at JV towards the ends of the season prior), and Jed Wartman '97 were some of his new teammates. That season was another successful one, as the team only dropped one game. When the varsity club needed additional players for the tournament, Coach Scott looked right to Klaus. "I knew that I wasn't going to play much when I got moved up," recalls Ian, "but it felt like a reward for hustling and playing hard during the JV season."

Upper year was filled with new avenues for Klaus. This was the first

enjoyed doing, and it has made me extremely happy. Andy and Will were such great captains, and it was a compliment to have been elected to fill their roles."

This season has had its share of ups and downs. The varsity squad, laden with youngsters, had a rocky start. Because of the leadership of Klaus, Kurzyniec, and other returning seniors, the team began to play well. Going into the final stretch of the season, the Blue knew that it had to win the remaining six games on its schedule. Despite this lofty obstacle, the team did just that: win its last six. However, the team amazingly fell short of the post-season tournament.

Ian says that this season was definitely a success, despite the fact that the soccer team was not able to defend its title. Not only did the team work hard, but Klaus overcame surgery to return to the field to aid his mates. "Coming into this year, soccer was just a game for me. Initially, I was told that I wasn't going to be able to play all year. In the end, I've found that playing soccer keeps me sane, in a way. When I couldn't play, I was like a different person."

Ian is hoping to return to the West Coast next year, as an entering freshman at Stanford. There, he hopes to have the opportunity to play soccer for the Cardinals, at some point. Ian will look fondly back

upon his years playing soccer at Andover, especially with his relationships with his co-captain and teammates. "Playing with Jeremy... was just great. There were times when Jeremy would do something to a defender, and you just couldn't play anymore. You'd just stop." Kurzyniec has much of the same comments for Ian: "He's among the finest players and fellows I've had the pleasure of playing with." Klaus had paid his dues, and his hard work culminated in his fine play, and his co-captaincy. Soccer is undoubtedly in his future, and it appears that he will always remember his days at Andover as ones that were productive and enjoyable.



season that Ian would play only varsity. "That was a really tight team. Will [Hench '96] and Andy [Stein '96] were great captains, not to mention that we had good chemistry." For some reason, Ian had a confidence problem to start the season, and his play suffered because of it. Eventually, after this feeling began to subside, Ian's level of play rose to the point at which he expected his game to be at. The championship that was won that year was much sweeter for Klaus, as he played a major role in virtually all of the team's victories. At the end of the season, Ian's teammates elected him, as well as Kurzyniec, co-captains. "This has been something that I've really

Jeremy Kurzyniec '97

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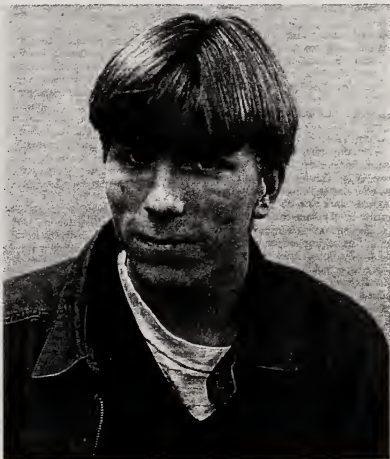
In his four years at Phillips Academy, Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 has exemplified the best of Andover soccer. Since his first season, Kurzyniec has been, at a minimum, an inspiration for teammates and aspiring players. With his notable skills and an exceptional level of dedication, he has earned a spot on the varsity squad for four consecutive years. In these years, he has grown from the smallest and youngest member of the team into one of Andover's most prominent leaders as co-captain this season.

Kurzyniec's tremendous skill has been apparent in his play for years. Even at the outset of his soccer career, at the young age of six or seven, Jeremy excelled on club teams. This early success progressed rapidly, and as a young adolescent Jeremy had already spent two years on the Olympic development team. It was in this arena that he saw the first true recognition of his talent as he was named to the regional team that included the top fifty players (fifteen years and younger) from the Pacific Coast and western United States.

Jeremy notes that one of the results of the hard work that allowed him to reach such a high plateau so early was the "camaraderie" that he forged with his brothers. In his home just outside Gold Hill, Oregon, participation in soccer required endless commitment, and as his two brothers followed, at least in part, in Jeremy's footsteps. The three of them spent "hours together on the road and entire summers together playing soccer."

Because of the strong relationship that developed between Kurzyniec and his family, attending school on the East Coast was an unlikely departure from his consistent home life. However, after finding that he was "compatible from the start" with Andover, Jeremy feels fortunate that he made the decision to come.

There has never been any doubt that Jeremy was compatible with Andover soccer. He almost instantaneously integrated himself into the program by making varsity as a junior. As the only junior on the team, Kurzyniec found his first season difficult, but he did not fail to impress. This is evident in the words of Coach Scott: "In my eighteen years of coaching I've never seen a more skilled player." Also, playing as a junior added a strange dynamic to Kurzyniec's high school soccer career. After his first season, he became accustomed to being a younger, undersized member of the team.



However, as time progressed, the discrepancies in size, speed and strength between Kurzyniec and the other players slowly eroded. In both his lower and upper years, Kurzyniec was an integral part of the outstanding teams that both reached the pinnacle of New England soccer; winning the NEPSAC tournament championship.

With its hopes set on, once again, capturing the title this season, the soccer team looked to Kurzyniec and Ian Klaus '97 to provide leadership as co-captains. Kurzyniec notes how strange he felt filling this role after being one of the youngest players on the team in previous years. However, as expected, he did impart much of his success and experience onto his teammates, taking the opportunity to lead by example as a "personal test."

The senior leadership from such players as Kurzyniec, Klaus and Jason Wooten '97 was more necessary for this team than any other, as the squad was composed of a multitude of underclassmen, including five lowers and a junior. Although Andover entered the season fearing that it was facing a rebuilding year, it emerged with a very impressive 10-3-1 record. The season didn't always appear so auspicious, as the team hovered around the .500 plateau after completing its first eight games (4-3-1), but under the leadership of Kurzyniec and Klaus, the team would not allow this mediocrity to

endure.

To close out the season, the Blue rattled off a six game win streak that included a 3-2 triumph over Exeter. Jeremy sights the team's remarkable chemistry and cohesiveness as the crucial factors in this late season success, while other players refer to Jeremy's skill and leadership as motivating forces in the six game winning streak. Jed Wartman '97 illustrates the respect for Jeremy that exists among his teammates by saying, "The best thing about Jeremy was that sometimes during practice you would just stop and admire him. That's how good he was."

Next year, Jeremy hopes to remain on the East Coast as a student at Harvard University. There, he would undoubtedly look to continue his soccer career; for with each successive season, soccer has become more and more entrenched in his life. "Soccer has always been and will always be a part of what I do..." he remarks, "I can't imagine not playing."

However, Jeremy's Andover experience represents more than just an intermediate step in the progression of his soccer skills. He has benefited immensely from his interaction with teammates and coaches, and he praises them, both individually and as a group. Nevertheless, his personal benefits are far outweighed by the contributions that he has made to Andover soccer.

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Like many of this year's athletic teams, the boys' varsity soccer squad entered the 1996 season in the shadow of its predecessor's success. The '95 team, led by such superstars as All-American Walter Hensch '96, Andy Stein '96 and Scott Turco '96, captured the New England Prep School Athletic Conference Championship for a second straight season, leaving further expectations on this year's team.

Unfortunately, despite winning a miraculous seven straight games to close out the season, the Blue fell short of its perennial goal of qualifying for the NEPSAC tournament, finishing with a record of 10-3-1.

Andover entered its 1996 campaign optimistically. However, having graduated a wealth of talent the year before, the team knew that it would have to find a substitute for the pure, overpowering skill and athletic ability that it boasted in 1995.

Initially, the team looked to four varsity players, Jeremy Kurzynek '97, one of the team's captains. Kurzynek took the task of leading by example as a "personal test," while the entire team set the goal of establishing a ball-control offense based on precision to compensate for what it lacked in athletic ability.

From the outset, Andover's lofty goals seemed out of reach. The Blue stumbled out of the gates with .500 league record (3-3-1) through its first seven NEPSAC competitions. A three game stretch in their schedule,

including contests against Bridgton, NMH and Harvard JV, typified the Blue's frustrating early season.

Against Bridgton, a program that pales in comparison to the Andover soccer machine, the Blue was unable to capitalize on any of its numerous offensive opportunities, settling for a disappointing 0-0 tie. The tie, although celebrated by the overmatched Bridgton team, felt like a loss to the Andover squad. Assistant Coach McCleery commented on the game, saying "It's a cruel game, and sometimes you just bounce your way out."

The lackluster effort in the Bridgton contest marked only the beginning of Andover's woes, as the Blue as the Blue emerged from the following week, after contests with NMH and Harvard, with a mediocre 4-3-1 overall record and an even more disheartening 2-3-1 league record.

This clearly represented the low water mark of the boys' 1996 season. However, as they entered the month of November, the boys appeared to turn over a new leaf.

After winning the NEPSAC tournament for two consecutive seasons, Andover's power record left the team with only the slimmest chances of even qualifying in 1996. However, the Blue attempted to take control of its own post-season destiny, initiating a

NEPSAC Tournament Snub Tarnishes Otherwise Impressive Season, Hilgited By Seven Game Win Streak and a 3-2 Downing of Arch-Rival Exeter

winning streak that would encompass Andover's seven remaining games.

The Blue's momentum began to build in the final week of October, as Andover came up with impressive victories over Deerfield and Moses Brown that, at the time, only seemed to salvage some Andover pride from the disappointing season.

Appropriately enough, the Blue's turnaround began against Deerfield with the increased support of the parents' weekend crowd. In this contest, Pat Rowe '97 continued the success that he established at the beginning of the year and maintained throughout the season, netting the first two goals of the game. In net, Jason Wooten '97 staved off a second half Deerfield comeback, allowing only a single goal to preserve the 2-1 victory.

The following Wednesday, Andover demonstrated its resiliency, as it mounted a second-half comeback, led by Captain Kurzynek and Richie Powell '97, in order to overcome a 2-1 deficit and win by the score of 3-2. Although it was clear that Moses Brown entered this contest with more enthusiasm than the Blue, Andover exhibited impressive poise, showing the poise that is inherent in championship caliber teams.

After squeaking out, these two victories over Deerfield and Moses Brown, the Blue entered its most impressive stretch of the season, returning to the form of the 1995 team and embarrasing the competition.

On a Friday night in early November, the Blue faced off with Cushing in a contest that represented Andover soccer at its best. While the boys were faced with a faster, stronger, more athletic team from Cushing, they remained their composure and stuck to the game plan.

As Cushing tried to run up and down the field in search of a quick goal, Andover patiently employed its half control offense, searching for the perfect scoring opportunities.

The Blue's game plan paid off when the promising lower, Haleigh Coughlin, slipped a shot passed the Cushing goalie in the opening minutes of the second half. This goal seemed to rattle the Purple Knights, as the Blue went on to pick the Cushing defense apart scoring twice more on the evening to claim a 3-0 victory.

Andover continued its stellar play on the following Wednesday with its most lopsided victory of the season, an 8-2 drubbing of South Hampton. This win ran the Blue's one mediocre record to an impressive 9-3-1. Co-Captain Ian Klaus '97 and Richie Powell, led

the barrage of scoring against South Hampton with a combined five goals. Along with Rowe, usually quiet offensive players Zack McAfee '97 and Nick MacInnis '99 chimed in with a goal each.

After the thrashing of South Hampton, Andover looked toward the lone remaining game on its regular season schedule, a game that the Blue expected would make or break its post-season hopes. The importance of this contest was further increased as it pitted the Blue against arch-rival Exeter. Knowing that any tournament hopes hinged on this one contest, the boys raised their intensity to underv levels, dominating Exeter in a deceptively close 3-2 contest.

As expected, Andover's captains led the Blue into battle, as Klaus started the scoring in the first fifteen minutes with a goal that was assisted by fellow captain, Jeremy Kurzynek. Later in the first half, Klaus once again figured prominently in a goal that put the Blue up 2-0.

Although his shot was turned away by the Exeter goalie, MacInnis was there to clean up and put the ball into the back of the net.

Returned to within striking distance in the second half with a well placed shot that beat keeper Jason Wooten from eighteen yards out, Jed Wartman seemingly put the game out of reach, once again, when he put Andover up 3-1 less than midway through the second half.

The Griffins, however, began pulled to within a goal, putting the pressure on the Blue defense to maintain its narrow 3-2 lead. Led by Phil Risseuw '98, the Andover backfield was up to the task, as the Blue stonewalled the Exeter offense for the remainder of the second half, giving Andover the victory and the coveted bragging rights that accompany it.

However, news of Andover's failure to qualify for the NEPSAC tournament soon tempered the celebrations.

Despite the team's spectacular seven game finish and its all-around difficult schedule, the tournament selection committee chose to pass over the Blue, opting instead for Brooks, a second school from the traditionally weak Independent School League. This selection was all the more frustrating for the Blue, for Andover had soundly defeated Brooks in a scrimmage earlier in the season.

However, the boys' soccer team can derive a lot of positives from the traditional week. The boys' season, as Coach Scott remarked, "Despite the fact that we didn't make the tournament, it was a good season. Anytime you win ten games it's a good season."

Next season, Andover will look to retain the level of play that it operated at in the latter half of this season and return to the NEPSAC tournament to reestablish Andover's dominance in New England.

The 1997 squad will be captained by defensemen Phil Risseuw and Mike Pierog. Andover will also rely on the maturing younger elements of this year's teams, which included four lowers, Nick MacInnis, Halsey Coughlin, Piercarlo Valdesolo, Mike Pierog and the freshman Dapo Babatunde. The youngsters will be instrumental in forming cohesive team in the mold of great Andover squads of the past.

We would like to extend our thanks to the athletic department and to Coach Scott for their assistance in compiling the statistics that appear on this page.

1996 ANDOVER SCORERS				
Player	Goals	Assis.	Pts.	
Klaus	4	4	8	
Kurzynek	1	2	3	
Holmes	5	0	5	
Babatunde	0	1	1	
MacInnis	1	7	8	
Coughlin	1	1	2	
McAfee	1	0	1	
Wartman	1	0	1	
Rowe	5	5	10	
Powell	2	4	11	
Valdesolo	1	0	1	
Reynolds	2	0	1	
Pierog	0	2	2	
Bacariza	0	0	1	
Risseuw	0	1	1	

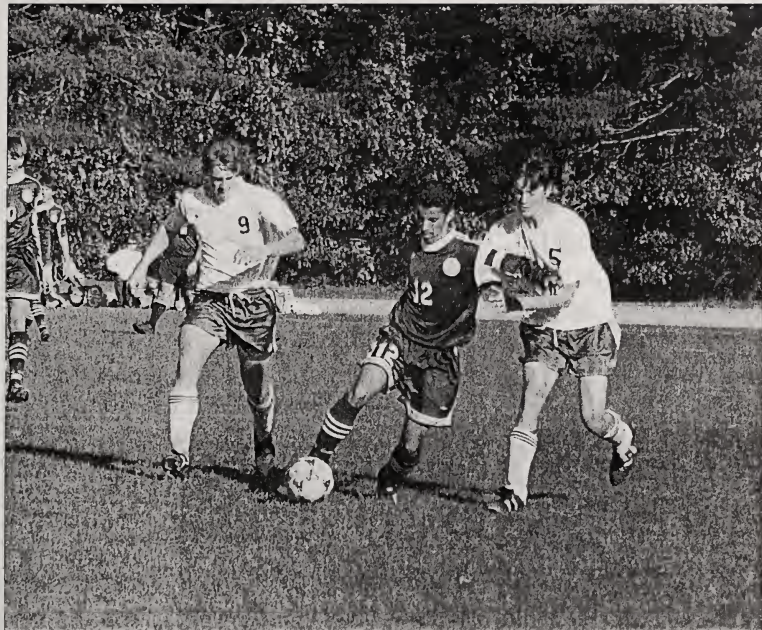


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Above: Post Graduate Richie Powell splits two defenders. Powell proved to be a valuable addition to the 1996 team, as he helped rejuvenate the Big Blue attack after the departure of key players in '95.

Left: The Andover defensive unit forms a wall to protect keeper Jason Wooten '97 from a direct kick. With the return of the entire starting defense for the '97 season, Andover should have incredible success in shutting down opposing offenses.

SPORT: GIRLS SOCCER

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: LISA DeVELLIS & MEREDITH PHILPOTT
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: KAREN KENNEDY
ASSISTANT COACHES: CLYFE BECKWITH

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LETTER WINNERS

Soccer - JV

Ackerman, Avra G.
Bernard, Anne W.
Burke, Megan M.
Cotton, Ashley C.
Dermody, Alicia B.
Devellis, Lisa B. (cc)
Fitch, Mary-Margaret
Fitzpatrick, Hillary J.
Godsill, Rebecca H.
Gotha, Heather E.
Grace, Whitney S.
Harmeling, Ashley A.
James, Cassandra L.
Judge, Jessica L.
Manheim, Marisa K.
Morris, Mary W.
Petumenos, Krista A. (M)
Philpott, Meredith V. (cc)
Smith, Heather E.
Stoj, Amelia B.
Strong, Courtney C.
Tompkins, Emily
Vinton, Deborah T.
Williams, Lindsay A.

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Sat., Sept. 14	Milton/Brooks/NMH	home	Play Day
Wed., Sept. 18	St. Mark's (scrimmage)	away	canceled
Sat., Sept. 21	Loomis-Chaffee	away	2-0
Wed., Sept. 25	K.U.A.	home	2-0
Sat., Sept. 28	Tabor	home	2-0
Wed., Oct. 2	Noble & Greenough	away	2-0
Sat., Oct. 5	Choate	away	1-0
Wed., Oct. 9	Holderness	away	5-0
Sat., Oct. 12	Harvard	home	0-0
Wed., Oct. 16	Thayer	away	4-2
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.	away	1-0
Wed., Oct. 23	St. Paul's	away	0-1
Sat., Oct. 26	Harvard	home	0-0
Wed., Oct. 30	B.B. & N.	home	0-1
Sat., Nov. 2	Deerfield	away	0-1
Wed., Nov. 6	Winsor	home	0-2
Sat., Nov. 9	Exeter	home	0-2
Wed., Nov. 13	Tournament-Milton	away	1-0
Sat., Nov. 16	" Deerfield	away	0-1

Girls' Soccer Kicks It Into High Gear

by Ashley Cotton and Jason Gimbel

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As the girls' varsity soccer team kicks off its 1996 season, spirits are high and expectations reach farther than ever.

The team has played

three scrimmages so far and is looking forward to plunging into their regular season play.

Andover returns five seniors to their roster this year who are psyched to lead the team to the next level. In the backfield the team will rely on what captain Meredith Philpott '97 calls a "powerhouse senior defense," including Lisa Divillis '97, Mary Margaret Fitch '97, and Ashley Cotton '97. They will be supported by newcomers Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, Heather Smith '98, and Marisa Manheim '98. Between the pipes, two goalies, Lindsey Williams '97 and Jessica Judge '00 will share the duties of keeping net.

The heart of play will dominated

by the skill-proven midfielders, Gotha, Vinton, and Avra Ackerman '98, Whitney Grace '98, and Ashley Harmeling '00. The responsibility of putting the ball in the net will rest on the shoulders of Rebecca Godsill '99, Emily Tompkins '98, Megan Burke '98, Amelia Stoj '98, Alicia Dermody '98, Winsor Morris '98, and returning senior Courtney Strong '97.

Coach Kennedy hopes to keep the team's past successes alive, and has high expectations for her talented players. She says, "We return a good nucleus, but we have a lot to do still. It has been fun so far, and everyone's attitude has been good. We are a cohesive group, working hard together. It may take some time but hopefully we will be back up to where we are accustomed to being soon."

The season opening scrimmage

versus Middlesex last Wednesday left the players with a positive feeling, winning two to one. The tempo of the game was set early by the returning varsity players.

After a long, hard pre-season the team was ready to put their efforts into action. Three year veteran Heather Gotha '98 put Andover on the scoreboard with an unassisted shot to the upper right corner. Middlesex struck back in the second half when their forward executed a quick turn inside the six-yard box and blasted one off the post and past the diving keeper.

Gotha was back on the rampage again with her fast feet receiving a amazing feed from fellow midfielder Deb Vinton '98. Gotha took one, clean touch and curved the ball around the helpless Middlesex goalie.

The team's high after the

Middlesex game was quickly erased during the "play day" on Saturday; the Blue lost to both Brooks and Milton.

First versus Milton, Andover looked out-matched by a quicker, more dominant team. The emotion and rush of energy shown previously seemed now to belong to another team. The shortened game ended with disappointing two-zero loss. Then Brooks came and showed Andover up all over the field as if they carried the same drive shown by Milton. After another lackluster performance, the Andover squad left the field defeated again, 2-0.

Captain Divillis sums up the pre-season play saying, "We have a lot to work on, but hopefully with the leadership of a lot of experienced upper-classman we'll pull it together for Loomis."



Returning player Alicia Dermody '98 splits a defensive attempt by Milton

Photo '00, Mark

Girls' Soccer Racks Up Two Important Victories

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Andover
Loomis-Chaffee
2
0

Andover
Kimball Union
2
0



After a sluggish start to the new season during their two scrimmages, the girls in blue came out with determination to recapture the success and confidence of last season. A win in the regular season opener at Loomis-Chaffee last Saturday set the tempo for the entire season, which will hopefully include another playoff berth. In its home opener last Wednesday, Andover

squared off against a stingy Kimball Union team. With a strong first half, Andover was able to hold on for the win, and a 2-0 start to the new season.

The girls made the trip down to Loomis with eager anticipation for the start of the regular season. Andover knew how important this game was for establishing a positive basis for the rest of the season. "Everyone played her assigned role, and we really worked together as a single unit," said Ashley Cotton '97. The new players really stepped up, and sturdiest the steady play which was so evident the previous week. The teams played to a 0-0 tie during the first half, but early in the second Courtney Strong '97 fed a beautiful cross to Emily Thomas '99 who buried it past the helpless Loomis keeper. Andover kept the pressure on Loomis, and was relentless on defense. Heather Gotha '98 assisted

Strong for Andover's second goal, which iced the 2-0 win for the girls. Ashley Harming '00 and keeper Lindsay Williams '97 also aided Andover's win with extremely strong games.

Andover opened its home schedule on Wednesday when they faced off against a tough Kimball Union team. Some of the intensity seen at Loomis was missing, but Andover continued to dominate their opponents during the first half. Andover opened the scoring when Ashley Harming '00 fed Rebecca Godsill '99 who made a quick move on a defender, and put it past the diving goalie. Andover held on to their 1-0 lead, allowing almost no scoring opportunities for KUA during the opening half. At the beginning the second half, Andover looked lackadaisical, as if the game was already in the bag. The lone

highlight of the half was Amelia Stoj's '98 goal that sealed up the game for the Blue. "We didn't play extremely well in the second half, and we had to hang on at the end for the win," said Gotha after the game.

With the season now off to a very impressive start, Andover looks as if they will challenge the elite teams in the region once again. The 2-0 record shows that the team is truly uniting and improving rapidly. The team definitely appreciates the return of senior Courtney Strong, who was in Spain last season. Strong, the Athlete of the Week, netted a goal and had an assist in the opener at Loomis, and she looks to be a key figure during the season. The girls who will host Tabor this Saturday and then travel to Noble & Greenough on Wednesday, look to keep improving on their 2-0 start.

Soccer Continues To Dominate Play

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Andover	2
Tabor	0

Andover	2
Nobles	0



The girls' varsity soccer team remained undefeated in regular season play this week, as they took down two more opponents, Tabor and Nobles.

The in these contests the team clearly established itself in the league as a solid team, with the skill to win its contests.

Tabor

From the first whistle on Saturday, the team in Blue was ready to dominate play. The intensity felt on the field was noticeable after Andover's very first touch on the ball. The first half was highlighted by dynamic playmaking in the midfield. Tabor submitted to "ball chasing", as Andover had its way with their defense. Uppers, Deb Vinton, Avra Ackerman, and Heather Gotha opened up passing lanes, and created opportunities on many occasions. However, play was not perfect, and few of the combinations could be finished off properly. Andover retired to halftime, with neither team displaying their efforts on the scoreboard.

Determined to put the ball into the net, PA returned with a purpose. Fifteen minutes into the second, The Blue earned a direct kick thirty-five yards from Tabor's net. Sweeper Alicia Dermody '98 attacked the ball, looking to hit one of her teammates for a redirection. Instead, one of the Tabor players got a piece of the ball with her head, changing its placement, and sending the ball into the net. The Big Blue gladly took the goal, and kept their momentum, attempting to

cause more damage.

As time began to dwindle, Ackerman quickly settled a deflected pass, and shot the ball into the upper right hand corner. Having secured a lead, the team sat back comfortably. This proved to be an unwise method of play, and Tabor tried, to no avail, to capitalize on Blue's complacency for the final minutes of the game.

Noble and Greenbough

Riding high on the three game winning streak, Andover saw their game against Nobles as a chance to put another notch on their score card. Rather than waiting until the second half to secure a lead, Andover struck hard, and early.

During the first ten minutes of the game, Andover pressed hard. The Big Blue were awarded an early corner kick, to be taken by Gotha. Senior co-captain Lisa Devillis directed the first touch on the ball over her head with a flick to the waiting Emily Tompkins '99. Tompkins took a first quick touch to herself, and finessed the ball around the Nobles goalie. Without pause the Blue attacked, once again gaining opportunity off a corner kick. Gotha set up the ball, this time finding the foot of senior Mary-Margaret Fitch. The surprised Fitch took a one timer shot off the weak clearing attempt made by Nobles, sending it deep into the back of the net for her first Andover career goal. Andover held this lead for the rest of the game, taking home their fourth consecutive win.

Boasting four shut outs thus far even as she is plagued by injury, senior goalie Lyndsey Williams has proven to be an essential part of Andover's success. Key players have also been newcomer Ashley Harmeling '00 in the midfield and veteran Alicia Dermody at sweeper. With a solid record in hand, the girls' varsity soccer team hopes to continue their success through to their trip to Choate on Saturday.

GIRLS' PITCH A PAIR OF SHUTOUTS

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**Andover
Choate**

**1
0**

**Andover
Holderness**

**5
0**



The girl's varsity soccer team continued their dominance of their New England competition this week by dismantling two more opponents, Choate and Holderness. Through their opening six games the Blue defense has yet to surrender a single goal, while their potent scoring attack has lit up their opponents 15 times.

The team has enjoyed success from the start, and with the talent this team possess, come November, they should find themselves in the thick of the race for the New England title.

Choate

Andover made the long journey to Choate, expecting to keep their perfect record in tact. The game was a very physical contest, and the scrappy play of the Choate girls disrupted the normal potent Andover attack. The girls did dominate most of the game, but had some trouble finishing their plays. For most of the game, the team could not find a way to put the ball into the Choate net.

Andover's lone goal of the game by Courtney Strong '97, last week's Athlete of the Week, turned out to be the eventual game-winner. Strong split two defenders on the eighteen and lifted the ball over the keeper's outstretched hands. Bringing all of their attackers up field, Choate pressed hard during the final minutes for a tying goal but, Meredith Philpot '97 headed the Andover defensive stand, which shut down the Choate offense.

The Blue escaped with a 1-0 win, keeping their perfect record, and moving one step closer to their final goal.

Holderness

This past Wednesday, the girls made the trip down to Holderness for another important game. However, the Holderness team was no match for the sleek, more skilled Andover squad. The Blue dominated from the start and outplayed their opponents with ease. Andover opened up the scoring with three goals during the opening half, putting away their opponents early.

Heather Gotha '98, Deb Vinton '98, and Strong netted first half goals, which featured nearly no action near the Andover goal. The Blue continued their dominance in the second half with goals by Windsor Morris '99 and Emily Tomkins '99, both who contributed strong individual efforts for the team. Senior Mary-Margaret

Fitch faced the task of marking the Holderness top player and played an extremely strong game.

It was not a game which challenged Andover, but it demonstrated the Blue's dominance over their New England competition.

With little more than five weeks remaining in the season, Andover has put themselves in a position where they will be able to determine their own fate. There may well not be a team in New England that is capable of defeating this team unless Andover gives the game away.

"We are on our way to the New England Tournament, but it will be a tough road ahead," admitted Avra Ackerman '98. Their 6-0 start and unmatched defensive play gives them reason to feel positive. Until a team comes along and proves they are able to defeat them, they will be considered the team to beat in New England.

SOCCER TOPS IN NEW ENGLAND



Avra Ackerman '98 directs the ball downfield against the Harvard JV. Jeanne Ficociello '96 played exceptionally on defense for the Crimson squad Photo / O.Tripp

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Andover	0
Harvard JV	0
Andover	4
Thayer	2

For the girls' soccer team, this week's games were nothing short of different. They opened with what players called their first real test of the season against Harvard JV, and finished with a disappointing win against a much weaker Thayer squad. The Thayer game also featured a scary moment, in which star goalkeeper Lindsay Williams '97 went down, and had to be rushed to the emergency room for x-rays. The team used the incident as motivation, and finished off Thayer to extended their undefeated record 7-0-1.

Harvard JV

The girls' were faced with a tough task against the faster, more skilled play of the college athletes on Saturday when they squared off against the Harvard JV team. It was a much more physical and fast paced game than their previous contests, and it kicked the team into gear. Co-captain Meredith Philpot '97 was convinced that this was the best game the team had played the entire season. Many aspects of the girl's team that had not previously been seriously tested, were given the opportunity to shine. Among these were the outstanding defensive play headed by Alecia Dermody '98, and just as strong was the play of senior Williams between the pipes. Williams has yet to be scored upon.

The offense played extremely well too, but the Harvard JV defense was able to keep the ball out of their net as well, and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

Andover left the field for the first time this year without a win, but nonetheless, it was a superbly played game. Each member of the team played her respective role, and the team played incredibly as a single unit. "It was amazing to finally see all of the skill this team has put together, and how good we worked with one another," remarked Emily Tompkins '99.

Thayer

This game was a complete turn around from the Harvard game. Andover came out lacking intensity, and struggled against a weak Thayer squad. Andover, who extremely out-matched them in skill, played down to their level the entire game. Andover's attack was slowed by the scrappy physical play from Thayer, and for the first time this season the girls allowed a goal to their opponents. Unlike the previous game where the team worked well as a whole, this game featured good individual performances, but lacked the coherent play that will be needed in the post season. With Andover in control midway through the second half, goalie Lindsay Williams '97 went up for a corner kick, and came down with the ball. Thayer had two girls all over the unprotected keeper, while the referees stood quietly aside, letting most of the physical play go throughout the game. A Thayer player went up, and hit Williams in the back of her head. Lindsay fell backwards, and on her way down hit the back of her head on the goal post.

What followed was a lengthy forty minute delay where both benches were nervous about the player's condition. She was rushed to the emergency room for x-rays, after complaining of back pains, but he injuries do not seem to be extremely serious, although Andover could have lost a star goalie for a while. An Bernard '00 came in for the injured Williams and finished the game without incident.

The girls continue to dominate their opponents as the start of the New England tournament inch closer. The team continues to improve with each game, and as the girls get used to their new teammates their play will only improve. They will continue their supremacy this Saturday, as they venture Northfield-Mount Hermon to hopefully put a damper on their Parent Weekend.

ST. PAUL'S SOCCER HANDS ANDOVER FIRST DEFEAT

by Jason Gimbel
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NMH

Andover	1
NMH	0
St. Paul's	1
Andover	0



GIRLS' SOCCER

Even the best can be beaten when it isn't their day. That was the case Wednesday when the previously undefeated Andover girls' soccer team

returned from St. Paul's with their first defeat of the season, a fluke 1-0 loss. The week did start off on a positive note when the girls traveled into NMH, and spoiled their parent's weekend with a thrilling 1-0 win. It was a week of ups and downs for the Andover squad, but they should be back with their killer instinct on Parent's Weekend.

In the extremely vile weather conditions of Saturday's game, the Andover girls' soccer team saw it all. They saw themselves play as well as they have this season, they saw themselves play as poorly as they have, and they even witnessed the collapse of their goal. It was a game that was anchored by the backs of the Andover defense, and goalkeeper Lindsay Williams '97, who returned from her horrifying fall during last Wednesday's game at Thayer to earn another shut-out. From the onset, NMH looked like a formidable opponent for Andover, and with the aid of the enthusiastic parents on the sideline, the NMH play was nothing short of outstanding. With Alicia Dermody '98 heading the Andover defensive stand, NMH was unable to penetrate the solid Blue defense, leaving it up to the Andover offense now to bring home a win.

The game neared completion with a 0-0 tie looking extremely likely. However, Heather Gotha '98 recieved a pass from Courtney Strong '97 and drilled it past NMH. Gotha had the perfect setup with rolling at a medium pace across the front of the goal mouth. Strong, whom the team missed so dearly last season when she was away in Spain, had helped win yet another game.

St. Paul's

With little more than two weeks

remaining until the start of the New England tournament, it looked very possible that the girls' soccer team would enter with a near-perfect record, stained only by a tie against Harvard JV. The girls traveled into St. Paul's, and played one of their best games of the year, but unfortunately things didn't bounce their way for the first time this season.

Andover out-played their opponents from the start, and ended with a 27-6 shot advantage. "Most of the game was played in their half of the field, but we couldn't put the ball in the net," remarked Dermody.

Not helping the situation was the fact that the girls faced an outstanding goalie for the first time this season. "She was a good keeper and she didn't make any mistakes for them," said Emily Tompkins '99. St. Paul's scored the only goal of the game on a fluke play when a shot deflected off an Andover defenseman and trickled past the stunned Andover keeper.

The girls were obviously crushed by this defeat, but during a long and tiring season it was not expected that things would go their way each game. "It was a tough loss because we played so well and dominated the entire game," said disappointed Heather Gotha '98. Look for this team to come ready to play Saturday with the added influence of their parents on the sideline. In a competitive league such as NEPSAC there are no unbeatable teams, and Wednesday just was not Andover's day.



Heather Gotha '98 tangles with an NMH defender en route to the goal Photo / O. Mark

Deja Vú...BBN Spoils Success Again

by Jason Gimbel
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Andover	0
Harvard JV	0
BB&N	1
Andover	0



The Andover girls' soccer team marked Wednesday's game down on their calendars when the season began more than two

months ago. It would be the first chance the team had at a shot of redemption. This very same BB&N eliminated Andover from the New England tournament last season. It wasn't just another defeat though, it was an embarrassing thrashing of what many considered an invisible PA team. After suffering their first loss of the season last week to St. Paul's and tying Harvard JV again 0-

0, Andover traveled to BB&N with only a win in mind.

Harvard JV

The week began with a rematch against Harvard JV, who slowed the PA offense two weeks ago, and forced a 0-0 tie. After St. Paul's handed them their first defeat of the season only three days earlier, the Andover squad was ready for another test. The flow of the game was very similar to that of the previous, with both defenses leading the way. Lindsay Williams '97 played another strong game in goal, although she was not heavily tested. As the case had been during the last few games, the Andover offense had problems putting the ball in the net. Since the Thayer game, in which Andover won 4-2, the Blue offense has gone four games in a row without an offensive tally. In the second half PA dominated the tired and sluggish Crimson squad, but it was unable to capitalize on their opportunities again. On more than one occasion in the final minutes the Blue had tremendous scoring chances, but each attempt was stymied by Harvard's defense.

The game ended in another 0-0 tie, but Andover left the field with a feeling of disappointment. It was another game which they felt should have been a win, but down the stretch once again, things did not bounce Andover's way.

BB&N

It was the game every returning player on the girl's soccer team had been waiting for. Andover had been on a mission last season with hopes of a New England Championship, until it all came crashing down with a 5-1 loss at the hands of BB&N in the

New England Tournament. The girls traveled into Boston with hopes of returning the favor this season.

In the rainy and windy conditions, Andover played a game many would like to forget. It was not a poor effort, but yet it was another mediocre one in which the PA offense was again held scoreless. Neither team was able to mount an impressive offense attack in the horrible conditions, and Williams was rarely tested in the goal. "They were a very good team, and it shows that they are the defending New England champs. Even in conditions like Wednesday they are able to pull out the win. That's what we need to be able to do," replied Alicia Dermody '98 after the tough loss. Midway through the opening half BB&N got the lone goal of the game. Williams came off her line, which left the goal empty, and was unable to completely clear the ball. It deflected to a BB&N forward, who put it through a maze of players, and somehow found the back of the net.

It was another tough defeat where Andover outplayed their opponents, but down the stretch the close calls went the other way. Two fluke goals and two disappointing losses for the Blue who now hold a 9-2-2 record. As in the St. Paul's game Andover held their opponent to a single goal, but were unable to muster any offensive attack of their own. During the first half of the season, when Andover trampled over its opponents, they received offensive production from each member of the team. That production has disappeared during the last few games, and with out it, Andover will be in trouble come tournament time. With only three games remaining in the regular season Andover hopes to rebound from these two tough losses, and with a win

Girls' Soccer Defeats Milton

by Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	2
Andover	0
Andover	1
Milton	0



GIRLS' SOCCER

At one point in the season, the Andover girls' soccer team held a remarkable 6-0 record, and they had not allowed a single goal. The popular

question around campus was, can anyone defeat this team? During the past month the answer has been repeatedly driven into the minds of all Andover students. Everyone has stood by and witnessed the collapse of what many considered the eventual New England champs, as the team fell from greatness to mediocrity. Having dropped their sixth game in a row, the girls' problem was compounded. To the surprise and astonishment of many, this 9-5-2 team not only qualified for the New England tournament, but was awarded the number six seed. The season has now boiled down to a single game. The tremendous collapse of the previous month would be completely forgotten with a victory at number three seed Milton on Wednesday.

Exeter

As has been the case in each of Andover's four previous losses it was a game in which Andover believed they should have won. Failing to capitalize on opportunities, the girls' squad went scoreless for the sixth game in a row. Andover was further weakened with the loss of starting goaltender Lindsay Williams '97, who had suffered a concussion. Anne Bernard '00 was brought in for the first start of her career, and played well considering her lack of playing time.

The Andover defense, which continues to be the backbone of this team, played another outstanding game, as it kept the potent Exeter offense in check during the opening half. Equally, Andover had its share

of offensive opportunities, but in keeping with their current trend, they were unable to capitalize and put the ball in the net. The first half ended in a scoreless tie, but clearly Exeter had the momentum going into the final forty-five minutes.

Andover continued to have offensive problems in the second half but Exeter seemed unfazed and took advantage with two quick goals on the rookie keeper mid-way through the second half to put the game away. The girls now own a disappointing 9-5-2 record with the regular season finally at an end.

Milton

To the surprise of many people, the Andover girls' soccer team was awarded a spot in the New England tournament. The team was given a six seed in the eight team tournament, and will avoid playing powerhouse BB&N until the championship game if they get that far. Andover had been waiting for this game all season long and they could turn their season around with a win over third seeded Milton.

The Blue came out strongly and it was clear that they were ready for this game as they caught a very skilled Milton team offguard. It was also clear to everyone on the team, however, that most importantly, Andover needed to score a goal; something they had not done in a long time. Their play had continued to improve during the past few games, but a goal alone would completely free them from the grasp of their month long slump.

The early season offensive leader of the team, Courtney Strong '97, made her return to the score book with a hard fought goal to give Andover a 1-0 lead. The goal came after Meredith Philpott '97 gave her a lead pass toward the goal which Strong put in. "All we needed was that first goal to get us going and out of our slump. Now hopefully we can play like we did at the beginning of the season," commented Avra Ackerman '98. It was the first time Andover had scored a goal since their win at Thayer Academy more than one month ago, and it would be all

that the rock solid Andover defense would need to uphold the win.

Andover now advances to the semi-finals of the tournament with their opponent still unknown. The girls have now regained their confidence that they possessed early in the season while they were rolling over every opponent. Luck also seems to be back on Andover's side, and the close calls are once again bouncing their way. If Andover is able to regain its early offensive production they could go all the way, but the defense will not be able to carry this team to a championship alone.

Girls' Soccer

by Jason Gimbel
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Deerfield	1
Andover	0



Though the season has been a tumultuous one, the girls' soccer team has had an impressive season.

Not only did the

Blue make it into the New England Tournament, but upset number three seeded Milton Academy 1-0. Wednesday's win set up another must win game for PA. A victory against number two seeded Deerfield Academy gave Andover a shot at powerhouse BB&N in the championship game, and a loss would send them home early. Andover faced this Deerfield team two weeks ago during their month long slump, and unfortunately dropped the game 1-0. A victory wasn't in the cards for PA, as the girls dropped another close game 1-0, a game in which they were unable to take advantage of the opportunities given to

them.

The Deerfield game was not the strongest performance of the season for Andover, and it proved to be another disappointing loss where the Big Blue was unable to mount a serious offensive attack. As it has throughout the season, Andover's defense led the way. They shut down the Deerfield scoring attack, which allowed Andover's midfield to control the ball. Lindsay Williams '97 played another outstanding game in net, punctuated by an amazing save late in the first half to keep the game scoreless. The half ended in a 0-0 tie, as had been the case in the previous meeting between these two teams.

In what could have possibly been the last half of play of the season, Andover came out with a feeling of urgency. They needed to score the first goal, and give the defense a cushion to work with. "The demise of the team was that we had no true goal scorer, no one who we were able to rely on late in a game to get us that goal we needed..." remarked Athlete of the Term Lisa DeVellis '97.

During the second half, Alicia

Dermody '98, the leader of the Andover defense, was forced out of the game with an injury. DeVellis, who was having one of her better offensive games, had to be moved back to sweeper for the injured Dermody. Without Dermody, Deerfield began to take control of the game. Late in the half with the score still 0-0, Deerfield moved the ball down the right sideline. The right wing made a perfect cross into the penalty box, and a Deerfield forward was in perfect position to put it into net for the lone goal of the game.

Andover's season came to end with a feeling disappointment. Although no one predicted this team to go as far as they did, the players and coaches all believed in themselves. "You always want to win it all, but this team accomplished more than anyone believed it was going to," remarked Dermody after the tough loss. The girl's final record stands at

10-6-2, a respectable record when considering the difficulty of their schedule. It was another good season for the Andover girl's soccer team, a great one to build on.



Athlete of the term and captain Lisa DeVellis '97 charges towards the ball

Photo / O. Tripp



Courtney Strong '96

"I will always be searching for perfection on the field."

by Paul Pennelli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Despite spending an entire year away from a soccer field, Courtney Strong '97 has proven herself to be an impact player with dynamic skills for varsity soccer. Though the season is still very young, Courtney has already put some solid stats on the board, and is aiming to improve on them. Strong has had her difficulties en route to becoming a premiere player but each difficulty has been a character builder.

Being raised in a soccer family is not always the easiest thing to deal with. Since the tender age of five, Courtney, as well as her three other siblings, have been expected to play soccer. However, when Courtney began her career, she was told to play defense. This did not sit very well with the kindergartner, and she spent most of her time on the field "picking the grass and doing cartwheels." When coaches noticed that Courtney was out of position on defense, they made the obvious decision to move her to forward. From then on, Strong and soccer were a perfect match.

Courtney admits that the soccer league in her hometown, La Canada, California, wasn't especially intense. Once she hit junior high, playing high school soccer appeared to be on the horizon. Arriving at Andover was an intimidating experience for Courtney, including her soccer tryout. After spraining her ankle during this nerve-racking pre-season, Strong became a member of JV soccer, and had a great time. Large amounts of playing time allowed her to improve continuously.

Varsity soccer was next, and Strong joined the team at the start of

her lower year. She found herself struggling from the beginning, always attempting to prove her worth to her older teammates. Things began to take the turn for the better, and on Parents' Weekend, Courtney scored three goals, toying with the opposing goal tender. Against Exeter, Strong had her best game, fundamentally. The great team effort, not to mention her own personal effort, allowed Courtney to score two more goals. This put Courtney on the positive track for Upper year, but her life was about to take a different route.

After much soul-searching, Courtney decided to pack her bags

curriculars to keep her occupied.

Upon her return, Strong was greeted with the same emotions that she felt when she was a junior. Uncertainty surrounded her as she made her way onto the field. Most of the girls on the team were new to Courtney, and there was a great deal of adjustment to make. The results were very different from Junior year, and Strong was pleasantly surprised by the results: "Surprisingly, I stepped right in. I didn't expect to pick up where I left off."

Step in she did, and on Saturday, she scored a goal for the ages. As Courtney made her way across the mid-line, she had three defenders to beat. She got around the first two, leaving them in the dust. The last defender stole the ball, but Courtney got the ball back along the end line, moved towards the front of the goal, and beat the keeper on the near side. There was no reaction from anyone after the goal, most just stood in amazement. After the game, Courtney earned her new nickname, "Reverend Strong." On the bus she gave a forceful speech on team spirit and unity. It struck a chord with many of her teammates, and through



Photo / J. Tiernan

and head for Barcelona, Spain. SYA would be a great experience, but soccer was in jeopardy. At first glance, Barcelona is a bastion of soccer. Unfortunately, this only applies to men. "When I took my soccer cleats out of my bag," says Courtney, "my two host brothers stared at me with their mouths agape. You can't play soccer, you're a girl!" Courtney explored all of her options, but playing soccer was impossible in Spain. Girls did not have any opportunities to play the game, regardless of ability. This was a major setback for Courtney, but she found other extra-

this speech she asserted herself as one of the senior leaders of the girls team.

The Girls Varsity Soccer team is aiming for the New England championship, and Courtney agrees emphatically with this aim. She wants to make sure that the girls are more of a family than a team, being careful that underclassmen do not fall behind. This will improve performance, and will help the team win. Courtney says that she will always be searching for perfection on the field. She is helping the girls' tremendously, and rapidly becoming a top player.



Lindsay Williams '97

Her consistent play through adversity has been a model for her teammates.

by Paul Pennelli

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

The success of a soccer team seems to always hinge on the play of its goalkeeper. This year's varsity goalie, Lindsay Williams '97, has been the spark that the Andover girls' soccer team has needed to initiate its strong play this season. In twelve games, Williams has allowed only three goals, a blessing for a team that has had trouble generating offense.

Lindsay hails from the Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia. She has been a resident of the South for her entire life, and sometimes misses the laid back attitude of the people from that part of country.

Soccer has always been an important part of life for Lindsay; she started playing when she was just four years old in a church league. Once Lindsay became more experienced with the art of goal keeping, she found herself on many teams that did nothing but win. When Williams started playing "seriously" in fourth grade, she joined up with a traveling club team that eventually won the Georgia State Championship, and then went on to the southern regionals.

This much success at a young age did not phase Lindsay, as she continued to strive for more, seemingly unattainable goals. In eighth grade, Williams found herself playing for three teams during the same season. Eventually, with nothing left to give, she quit two of those teams. "I just got burnt out," recalls Williams. She did, however, win another Georgia state championship, this time with her high school team in 1995. That squad was ranked fourth in the nation, weighing in with an astounding record of 21-1. "There had to have been 3,000 fans at that championship game... it was incredible... but there will be more when we play

Exeter."

Lindsay actually applied to Andover as an afterthought. The application was sent late, and she didn't think it would receive much attention from the admissions office. After she had completed a summer internship with WSB-TV Atlanta covering the Olympics, Lindsay began her training camp for basketball. One night, during camp, Williams received a call from Andover, offering her admission. Unfortunately, Lindsay only had 24 hours to make arguably the biggest decision of her life.

When pre-season began at Andover there were questions that

quickly." The win kicked off an eight game shutout streak, including a 0-0 stalemate against the ringers from Harvard. This was Lindsay's best game: "Our defense really works well together. A lot of the shutouts couldn't have happened without great play by them. Some games I barely touch the ball because our defense is just so strong," says Williams.

This season has not been easy, make no mistake. Against Thayer, Lindsay was hospitalized after being the victim of dirty play. While in the air, Williams gained control of a corner kick. As she was coming down, two of her opponents hit Lindsay in the back. She fell hard, and couldn't move at first. Williams was told to lie still, and did so despite her wishes. "I didn't quite believe what was happening... When I heard the ambulance coming, I remember saying 'Is that for me?' I couldn't believe it." Lindsay was released after x-rays turned up negative, and was able to return to Andover that night.

The post season is still a question for Andover and must win the next few of its games to truly guarantee a spot. Lindsay's goal for the rest of the season is to shut out every team the Blue faces. "If a keeper doesn't allow a goal, it's impossible to lose," states Williams.

Williams is a standout basketball player in the winter. She is hoping to go to a smaller school next year, possibly Washington & Lee, Dartmouth, or Colgate. If she attends one of these schools, she will undoubtedly be able to play sports as well.

Lindsay has made life easier for all of her teammates and soccer fans at Andover. Her consistent play through adversity has been a model for her teammates. Even though she has had to adjust quickly to her new environment, Lindsay has found the poise to remain an incredible goalkeeper for Andover this fall.



Lindsay had to answer for herself. There were other talented goalies trying out for the varsity team in the fall, and Williams wasn't sure if she would be the starter. Also, a recurring back injury had put Lindsay in a great deal of pain, and it was unclear how much she could play. In the end, Williams won the starting job, her game experience and immense talent being the deciding factors. However, there was a three game lay-off for Williams to start the season, the back injury being the culprit. When Lindsay finally made it onto the field, the result was a shutout win against Loomis-Chafee. "It felt great to win that first game... my teammates were so welcoming, and they took me in very

Lisa Devellis '97

by Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

When you come from Duxbury, Massachusetts you don't have much of a choice; either you play soccer, or you get out of town. Duxbury, a small town south of Boston, is known across the state as a youth soccer powerhouse. Most kids begin the sport as soon as they discover their ability to walk. However, for girls' soccer team Co-Captain Lisa Devellis '97, her experience was a little different. Not until seventh grade did Lisa strap on her shin guards for the first time, and begin the sport which she has grown to love.

While her close friends, who had been engulfed in the sport for years, were beginning to burn out and lose interest, Lisa was just getting started. She was able to hit her stride during her Freshman and Sophomore years at Duxbury High. As a member of the varsity squad each season, she was surrounded with the most extraordinary talent she believes she will ever witness. Even though each of her two seasons at Duxbury High were rewarded with state titles, Lisa always possessed an itch to leave Duxbury for boarding school, as did many of her teammates. Instead the majority of those teammates made a pact in which they promised each other to stay at Duxbury, and continue their domination of Massachusetts girls' soccer.

With the departure of a large contingent of seniors after her Sophomore year at Duxbury, Lisa made the decision to finally make the commitment to leave for boarding school. Lisa entered Andover as a new Upper, and was thrust into a foreign situation. "It was hard being a new upper and attempting to be a dominant player, as well as a leader on a new team," recalled Devellis. She admitted the change could never have been possible without the help of coach Karen Kennedy. "Coach K really helped integrate me into the team, and made it a

smooth transition. She made me feel right at home, even though home was a good hour away."

During her first season at Andover, Lisa helped the Big Blue to a post season berth and semifinal match against a dominating BB&N squad. "Last season's team was filled with Seniors who I really looked up to for their level of play, their intensity, and their ability as athletes." Under their influence Lisa was able to bring her game to a new level, and it positioned her as one of this season's co-captains, along with Meredith Philpott '97.

This year's team came to Andover in early September with aspirations to win the New England championship seemingly within their reach. The team flew out of the gates at the beginning of the season, and quickly raced to a 6-0 record. "I think our quick start surprised just about everybody except ourselves," says Devellis. "I always held my own out on the field. I may not stand out and score a lot of goals, but I'm a hard working team player who doesn't care for the spotlight."

The girls experienced a major slump during the last month of their season, and their perfect record was replaced with a mediocre 9-5-2 mark at the regular season's end. "What hurt the team the most was our lack of a true goal scorer. We had no one who we were able to rely on late in a game to get us that goal we needed. The defense was strong all year, but when you get shut out for almost a month it's tough to win games," admitted Lisa. Surprisingly, this year's team was able to qualify for the New England Tournament with a number six seed. Their opening round game was on the road, against a tough Milton squad that wasn't expecting tough competition from PA. Lisa, as well as the rest of the Andover team stepped up their play, and upset Milton with a 1-0 win. "Beating Milton was a huge step for the team, and will give next season's returning players a great deal of confidence," says Lisa.

Andover's road to glory unfortu-



nately ended with the Milton win. Three days later Andover lost another heartbreaking game, 1-0 to Deerfield Academy. "It was a disappointing loss, and it wasn't the best game we've ever played; but no one expected us to get this far in the first place. One we believed in ourselves," recalls Lisa.

Lisa's soccer career is by no means limited to the confines of PA. She admits to owing everything to coach Mike Smyth, who she has worked with for the past five years. Lisa is planning on leaving his club team this summer to take advantage of a tremendous opportunity given to her; the opportunity to tryout for the Massachusetts state team. With no expectations of making the team, Lisa went in and played with her heart. To her surprise and astonishment she did make the team; and now will have the opportunity to play with some of the best

women soccer players throughout the region this summer.

With college in the near future, Lisa is hopeful that she will be able to continue her soccer career wherever she ends up. Her main objective at college will undoubtedly be her education; but being able to play soccer would make her college experience complete.

Her Andover career has been a brief one, but one that she will never forget. She came so close each season to a championship, but each time fell one step short. She was able to play a more dominant role on Andover's soccer team than that upon her Duxbury High team, and even though that New England title eluded her, she will always look back at her Andover experience and remember two wonderful seasons where she was able to display the full talent she possesses.

Girls Fall to Deerfield at NEPSACs

by Jason Gimpl
NEPSAC SPORTS ASSOCIATE



The Andover girls' soccer team returned to the empty PA gymnasium for an action-packed After being ousted early in the previous season's tournament by eventual champion B&E (7-1), the girls were determined to take their game to the next level. They began the season on a tear, stringing together a six week long unbeaten streak.

The girls embarked on a six game win streak, falling to a 1-0 draw in the final game of the season's end. The team did qualify for the New England Tournament, and upset Milton in the opening round before bowing out to Deerfield (4-0) in the team finals.

Backed by strong defensive play, the PA girls' soccer team opened the season with

Despite Late Season Slump, Soccer Team Enters Tournament as Sixth Seed Only to Be Knocked Out in the Semi-final Round.

one goal in match a New England title. After coming to close the previous season, the girls were determined to take Andover soccer to the next level.

Individual off-season preparation was obvious in the early weeks of the fall, as Andover repeatedly cruised to decisive wins.

Fast graduate Lindsay Williams took on the goalkeeping responsibilities, and served as captain. Along with Williams, Andover's defense was strong with Allison Deming, 96 in the back field.

After opening the season with a ten game unbeaten streak, the Andover offensive out-

lined difficulties during points on the board, and endured some lackluster play. The team's early, potent scoring attack was replicated with a lackluster offensive assault that went through a six game span without a single goal. The team dropped from the elite of New England to a 500 club, on the verge of not qualifying for the postseason.

The girls, at the top of the New England Soccer League, entered a mid-season matchup with H&S, another 500 club. The contest ended in a 0-0 draw, but it would be one of many games in which Andover left the field feeling they had let one slip away.

Five weeks and zero goals later, PA faced H&S and JV for a spot in the quarterfinals. The game ended 0-0, but it would turn out to be the last game of the drought. The end of the regular season for PA was far approaching. The opponent, Essex.

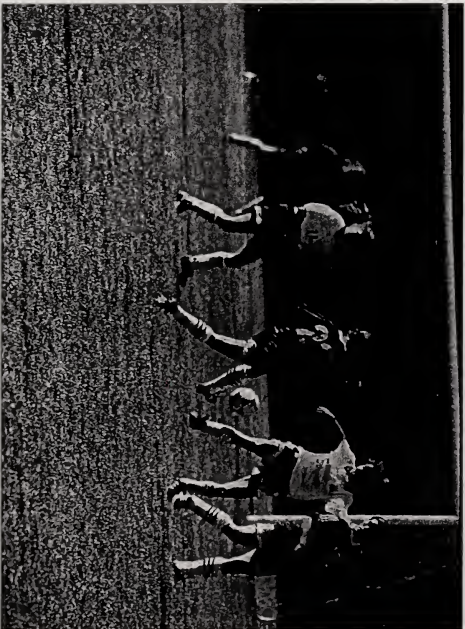
It appeared to most that a win would be necessary for the Big Blue to advance to the postseason play, anything less would not be sufficient. The problems of old returned for the girls, as they were unable to score. Enter, it looked as though the season would come to a disappointing, pennant half for the girls.

To the astonishment of many, Andover did qualify for the eight team tournament as a number six seed. Milton, the number three seed, would play host to the Big Blue in the opening round. It was evident that the Milton players were not prepared for the performance of the Andover of old which showed up.

PA exhibited the explosive energy that drove them through their opponents during the opening half of the season. Williams made Courtney Strong's '97 lone Andover goal stand up, cruising to one of her many shutouts of the season (1-0).

After the first half, the number six seed, Deerfield, Andover who had narrowly defeated PA 1-0 during the conclusion of Andover's extended losing streak. Andover played another strong game up and down the field, but were unable to convert on many of their opportunities during the opening half. Deerfield capitalized early in the second half after Andover of the team Lisa DeVelis was forced out of the lineup with an injury. The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the PA offensive attack, for the final thirty minutes, and advanced to the championship game, leaving Andover behind one step away once again.

The Big Blue definitely had a good season. They showed they had the talent to compete with the elite of the region week in and week out. A lack of scoring ability during the second half of the season was a major performance, but advancing to the semi for the second straight year was an accomplishment in itself. With a large core of returnees ready to make another run next fall, Andover will once again be a team playing with a yet unfinished mission.



Andover's goalkeeper pushes the ball past the opposing defense to set up an Andover goal.

Photo: O. Mink

SPORT: Girl's Varsity Volleyball

YEAR: 1996-1997

NO CAPTAIN.

CAPTAIN: Clare Ferraro and Smita Sihag (Floor Captains)

HOME ADDRESS: Hunting Valley, OH and Lowell, MA

MANAGER: Teddy Won

HOME ADDRESS: Seoul, Korea

COACH: Katherine Henderson

ASSISTANT COACHES: Maryls Edwards

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Volleyball - GV

Campbell, Andrea H.

Cantrell, Margaret M.

Chitani, Yuko

Chuang, Ivy

Ferraro, Clare F.

Kelley, Kate M.

Lee, Seung Hee

Lopez, Sandra L.

Richardson, Christina T.

Rollins, Grace A.

Sihag, Smita

Won, Theodore C. (M)

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Andrea Campbell Andover, MA			'99	OPPOSITE
Margaret Cantrell Laurens, SC			'98	OPPOSITE
Yuko Chitani Tokyo, Japan			'99	OUTSIDE HITTER
Ivy Chuang Torrance, CA			'97	OUTSIDE HITTER
Clare Ferraro Hunting Valley, OH			'98	SETTER
Kate Kelley Tewksbury, MA			'98	MIDDLE BLOCKER
Seung Hye Lee Los Angeles, CA			'98	OUTSIDE HITTER
Sandra Lopez Pleasanton, TX			'97	SWING HITTER
Christina Richardson Lynnfield, MA			'98	OPPOSITE
Grace Rollins Brookline, MA			'97	MIDDLE BLOCKER
Smita Singh Lowell, MA			'97	SETTER

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/11/96

OPPONENT: ST. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Scrimmage

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/14/96

OPPONENT: North Quincy High

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-3 (loss) Not in League. Does not appear on team's official record.

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/18/96

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 2-3 (Loss)

Girls' Volleyball Comeback Falls Short Against St. Paul's

by Ali Ghaffari

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Paul's	15
Andover	10



A strong St. Paul's girls' volleyball team outlasted a major comeback attempt by our Big Blue.

Wednesday night's girls volleyball game against rival St. Paul's School ended with a heart-breaking loss in the 5th set, 15-10. In a set where every play counts towards the score, St. Paul's came back from being down 6-5, scoring 10 of the next 14 points. In a game of many errors, St. Paul's came out on top.

Andover stormed out of the gates, riding an opening 6-0 run to a 15-6 victory. The charge was led by the great play of captain Ivy Chuang '97 and the serving prowess by Smita Sihag '97, Margret Contrell '98, and Clare Ferraro '98. It looked as if the match was in hand for the (0-1) Andover team. In a second set marked by a lack of intensity by the Big Blue, St. Paul's pumped up the score to 11-0 before Andover knew what hit them. Even incredible play by Sandra Lopez '97 and Chuang could not keep the team from being steamrolled 15-5.

Andover fought hard for a 6-2 lead in the early part of the third. Each and every point was fought over like it was a set from the Championship Finals. The intense set also displayed improvement and better team play than the previous two sets. However, St.

Paul's snuck by with a win of 15-7. Bad luck and untimely errors led to the 13-1 run by the opponents.

"We need to play more aggressively," said Contrell. The team tried this approach in the must-win 4th set. Our Big Blue came out determined, breaking a 4-4 tie to take an 11-4 lead. Then things started to fall apart. Each point given up by the Big Blue was well earned by St. Paul's. Unfortunately, they got 11 of the next 13 points to take the lead 15-14. In the time of greatest need, Sandra Lopez delivered

the set on a silver platter, serving up 3 straight points. The dramatic serves set the stage for a 5th and final showdown between the two teams.

In the fifth set while the ball was in play, a pin drop could be heard. When there was a point, the rowdy St. Paul's crowd wouldn't let you hear the person next to you. The score saw-sawed back and forth, Andover winning, St. Paul's winning but then Andover would pull ahead again. Down 9-6, coach Henderson called a timeout in hopes of, charging up the

troops. It was good for a couple of points. Unfortunately, consistent serve giveaways gave St. Paul's the victory 15-10.

"We have lots of work to do. Our competition will only get tougher," Andover coach Kathy Henderson mentioned. "After the game, captain Chuang had this to say, "We need to work on the mental aspect of the game." The St. Paul's coach explained, "It was a close match, a great effort on both parts, and both teams showed a lot of improvement."



Captain Chuang expertly sets the ball for the offensive attack

Photo / O Mark

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/21/96

OPPONENT: Loomis - Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis

RESULT: 3-1 (Win)

VOLLEYBALL RECORDS 15-0 SET SHUTOUT AGAINST LOOMIS



Captain Ivy Chuang served fourteen of the fifteen points in the shutout victory against Loomis on Saturday.

Photo / J. Tiernan

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/28/96

OPPONENT: Dracut High

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-3(Loss) Not in League. Scrimmage. Does not appear in official record.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/2/96

OPPONENT: North Reading

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-3 (loss) Not in league.

VOLLEYBALL STRONG WITHOUT PLAYMAKER



Volleyball was narrowly defeated on Saturday by a very competent North Reading High squad

Photo / O. Mark

by Ali Ghaffari
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

North Reading High	3
Andover	2



On Wednesday, the girls' volleyball team went out in search of their second win in the young season. After a five set loss to St. Paul's in the opener,

and a five set victory over Loomis Chaffee, the Big Blue was looking to get over the .500 mark for the first time this season.

North Reading High stood in the way of that goal. This time, though, they would have to do it without team captain, Ivy Chuang '97.

The first game was less than spectacular, as the Big Blue were squashed 15-7. The visiting Hornets were treated to a team marred by miscommunication and a lack of aggressiveness. The team jumped out to a 2-1 lead, but was slapped by North Reading, dropping 10 of the next 12 points. The Big Blue managed a small comeback, but bowed 15-7.

In game two, the volleyball team gave Andover fans reason to cheer, if only for a short time. After trailing 0-3, the team fought back, trading point for point. Margaret Contrell '98 took control of the game, scoring six service points to lead the Big Blue charge. The Blue finally took the lead, stretching it to 9-6.

Although fast and furious, the home team lost its momentum to a more consistent opponent. The last lead that the team held was 5-4. The final nail in the coffin was North Reading's fifteenth and final point.

Despite losing to the Hornets, there were some bright spots. Claire Ferraro '98 led the captain-less squad with the majority of the aces, and Grace Rollins '97 stifled many North Reading Attacks.

Coach Henderson had this to say after the game, "They didn't make many unforced errors. They didn't make many errors, period. We made four times as many errors, and you can't win games like that."

Sandra Lopez '97 added, "We played well, but we haven't come together as a team yet. We're a bunch of individuals, but it still should come in time."

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/5/96

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield.

RESULT: 3-1 win

Volleyball Drops Three Matches



The Big Blue blocks the Deerfield attack in front of the supportive Andover crowd

Photo / O. Mark

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/9/96

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 1-3 (loss)

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/16/96

OPPONENT: EXETER

WHERE PLAYED: EXETER

RESULT: 1-3 (loss)

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/19/96

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: NMH

RESULT: 0-3 (loss)

Wins, Losses: Volleyball Serves It Up

by Ali Ghaffari

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS SYMPATHETIC WRITER



The girls' volleyball team has had mixed results thus far this season and hopes to turn things around in the second half.

Although they have lost some close matches against tough competition, they are still regarded by their opponents as one of the better teams in the league.

During their first match of the season, a strong St. Paul's team outlasted the incredible comeback staged by the Big Blue. The girls seemed primed for a comeback in the final stages of this match but St. Paul's won ten of the last fourteen points to secure the victory.

Saturday, September 21 was a big day for the girls' varsity volleyball team. A match against league contender Loomis-Chaffee was on tap, and the team was looking to even its record one and one.

October 2 saw the girls go out in search of their second win of the season. After an opening season five set loss to St. Paul's, and a five set victory over Loomis Chaffee, the Big Blue were looking to get over the .500 mark for the first time this season. North Reading High School stood in the way of that goal, however. This

time, however, they would have to do it without team captain Ivy Chuang '97. Unfortunately for the team, they could do nothing to stop the vicious Hornet onslaught, losing 3 sets to 1.

On Saturday October 5, the girls came out on fire and burned up league rival Deerfield. This evened their league record at 2-2 and put them within reach of first place. Cushing, however, dashed those hopes as they crushed Andover, pulling out a 3 sets to 1 victory. Following that showdown with Cushing came a mid-season showdown with Exeter. The girls came out fired up, but cooled quickly and suffered a four set loss. Andover (2-3) slammed Exeter in the first set 15-4. Exeter returned the favor 15-8 in the second set, however, and squeaked out the win thanks to identical 15-10 scores in the third and fourth sets. On Saturday October 19, the team visited Northfield Mount Hermon only to meet an excellent Hogger team who were highly touted around the league. The Hoggars spanked the Blue and sent them home on a somber note.

Throughout the season, the team has lacked consistency, although everyone has played well at one time or another. Chuang has been the biggest threat to opposing teams doing everything in her power to facilitate victory. Grace Rollins '98 and Kate Kelley '98 have been stal-

wart defenders, blocking many opposing opportunities. Yuka Chitani '99 and Sandra Lopez '97, have both chipped in when needed. The season will continue with rematches against Cushing, St. Paul's, NMH, and Exeter.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/23/96

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Cushing.

RESULT: 2-3 (loss)

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/26/96

OPPONENT: Chelmsford

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-3 (loss); NOT IN LEAGUE

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/30/96

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: St. Paul's

RESULT: 0-3 (loss)

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/2/96

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 1-3 (loss)

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/9/96

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-3

Volleyball Falters Again

by Andy Butler
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	3
Andover	0



Having played solid volleyball this weekend, the team was disappointed to win only one of their four matches.

On Saturday, they played well against Exeter, but to no avail losing 3-0. The following day they hosted the New England Prep School Athletic Championships.

After strutting through the pep rally, the squad came ready to destroy the opposition on Saturday morning. The seniors on the team, in particular Ivy Chuang '97 set the standard of play with a masterful performance. The first game was extremely close, but with some help from questionable officiating the Exeter team managed to win by a narrow margin. The match went down hill from there, with Exeter pulling out the next two games despite a gutsy effort by PA.

On Sunday, PA felt ready to face the cream of the prep school league.

They arrived as the fifth seeded team in a tournament of eight teams. The squad faced off with such teams as first seeded NMH (who had lost their only game against PA), third seeded Exeter, and eighth seeded Kingswood-Oxford. In the first match PA faced Exeter for the second time in two days. Although they put on a convincing performance, they fell 16-14 and 15-10 in their two games. The second match of the day pitted the squad against the powerful NMH team. PA was trounced 15-1 in the first game. In the second game Andover played brilliantly and jumped out to an amazing 9-0 lead. However, NMH showed just how good they were by coming back to win the game 15-13. The third and final match of the day was against KO academy. The team came out firing and jumped all over the eighth seed, soundly beating them and salvaging some pride.

As this year's season comes to a somewhat dismal close, the team looks forward to next season. Under the guidance of captain Margaret Cantrell '98, the team looks to fare well next season with five uppers and two lowers returning with hopes of greater success.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/10/96

OPPONENT: New England Tournament

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: 0-2 (loss) Exeter

0-2 (loss) NMH

2-0 (win) Kingswood - Oxford

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Volleyball Looks to Next Year Hopefully

This Year's Rebuilding Efforts Will Come to Fruition

by Andy Butler

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS EDITOR



Although some might argue that the '96-'97 season was a rebuilding year for the girls' volleyball program, the fall term played host to a number of exciting matches. While new players began to make

their mark, the old guard made sure it's legacy would live on. This combination of youth and experience provided close games against some of the best teams in New England and won a game against perennial powerhouse NMH before losing the match 3-1. Despite having a losing record, the team secured a berth in the New England Prep School Athletic Championships. In addition to playing host to the tourney, Andover received the five seed in a pool of eight teams. The squad faced off against first seeded NMH, third seeded Exeter, and eighth seeded Kingswood-Oxford. Unfortunately, the girls only won one out of their four games.

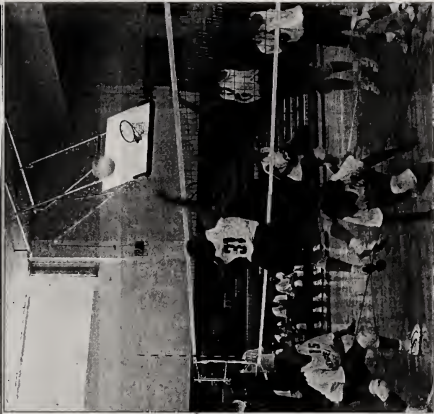
Despite the number of notches in the loss column, the girls remained positive all year. This confidence was due in large part to the

fact that the team only had one big problem. The main trouble in the past year was a lack of solid serving. For the most part, the girls could not consistently put the ball in play. When they did come together and step up as a team, they produced a win over highly skilled Deerfield. "The ability to serve the ball with consistency will be key next year. We need to pick up our play and make things happen," commented Captain Margaret Cantrell '98. Overall, the rest of the team's skills were in place. They had no trouble digging, spiking, or setting. However, without the ability to serve, the rest of their game became futile. If a team can't get the ball across once they have won the right to serve, points are hard to come by.

"Rumors of new players enrolling next year have surfaced, but have not been confirmed. Either way, [Margaret] Cantrell '98] will look to provide guidance and leadership to next year's squad. With any luck, next season should be another step on the long path to excellence."

Throughout the year the seniors displayed constant leadership and courage in the face of opposition. In particular, Ivy Chuang's '97 play inspired the rest of the squad. By giving her all every game and exhibiting amazing skill, Ivy earned the honor of Athlete of the Term in this sport. Sandra Lopez '97 contributed constant spirit and tough competition through out the year. Coaches Kathy Henderson and Marlys Edwards are proud of the grit that this team showed. On the whole, this season was a success because it provided the younger players with invaluable game experience as well as confidence for the coming year.

With this season in the books, the team looks toward the next fall with high hopes. An elevation of play is definitely needed, but averaging this years losses should not prove too difficult next season. Five uppers and two lowers will return to lead the team, while players from a strong JV squad should help to round out the roster. Rumors of new players enrolling next year have surfaced, but have not been confirmed. Either way, Cantrell will look to provide guidance and leadership to next year's squad. With any luck, next season should be another step on the long path to excellence.



The volleyball team's aggressive play and amazing dedication should allow it to improve on this season's sub-par results next year.

Photo / O. Mark

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Water Polo -B
Anderman, Todd D. C.
Bayliss, Jarrett C.
Blitzer, James S.
Der Ananian, Jason S. (C
Evans, Collin T.
Loh, Jeffrey T.
Moger, Nathaniel Y.
Neathery, Derek T.
Palmer, Matthew L.
Pettit, Elizabeth M.
Platt, Piers A. J.
Vantzelfde, Nicholas J.

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Inderman, Todd				
Denham, MA	5'11	140	99	
Oxyliss, Jarrett				
Williamstown, MA	6'1	190	97	Goalie
Hitzer, Jay				
Durham, NH	5'6	135	99	
Chen, Chris				
Bedford, NY	5'4	108	99	
Janiszewski, Jon				
Boxford, MA	5'10	168	98	
TerAnanian, Jason				
Andover, MA	5'11	170	97	captain
Vakaruni, Nick				
North Andover, MA	5'10	148	98	
Funn, Teddy				
Durham, Nc.	5'9	139	99	
Evans, Collin				
Lake Forest, IL	6'0	160	99	
Trugman, Casey				
Clark, N.J	6'2	240	00	
Ch, Jeff				
Honolulu, HI	5'5	168	99	
Martin, Geoff				
Andover, MA	5'3	110	00	
Loger, Nat				
Greenwich, CT	6'1	160	00	
Jeathery, Derek				
Lake Bluff	6'3	190	97	
Palmer, Matt				
North Andover, MA	6'0	165	99	Goalie

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

CLASS

POSITION

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Polo Looks to Strong Season

by Jason Der Ananian and Nicholas Vantzelfde

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/14/96

OPPONENT: Northfield

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis-Chaffee

RESULT: Andover 8
Northfield 3

Goals

Der Ananian	3
Neathery	3
Vantzelfde, Nick	1
Moger	1

Bayliss - 5 saves

Andover	8
NMH	3
Loomis Chaffee	11
Andover	6



This year's water polo season marks the end of an era. Gone are the veteran polo guru's Rush Taylor '96 and Jeff Dwight '96. Both important members of

the team, they gave all they had to their team in hopes of achieving victory.

Stepping up to fill those leadership vacancies are captain Jason Der Ananian '97 and goalie Jarrett Bayliss '97. Math teacher Paul Murphy, long-time water polo enthusiast and coach hopes to turn his team into a well oiled machine in pursuit of a league championship.

Joining the team this year as newcomers to P.A., but not to the game of water polo are Derek Neathery '97, a one year senior, and freshman sensation Nat Moger '00.

The 1996 Phillips Academy boys' water polo team has some big shoes to fill. Last fall, the men in Blue put together a winning record overall, as they finished second in New England for the second consecutive year.

The boys' team began its challenging season by splitting a pair of games last Saturday at a tournament hosted by Loomis-Chaffee. With an 8-3 win against NMH, the Big Blue showed aggressive play and determination. The intensity throughout the first game remained strong, but their lack of experience proved to be an obstacle not easily overcome. The blue also trounced their hosts 8-3. A game marked with inspiring and impressive play.

The first tournament of the year has been an educational one, and the boys in speedos know what they need to do in order to win. Good luck!

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/14/96

OPPONENT: Loomis - Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis

RESULT: Andover 6
Loomis 11

Goals

Der Aranian	4
Neathery	1
Vantzelfde, Nick	1

Bayliss - 10 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 9-18-96

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 13
Exeter 20

Goals

DerAnanian	6
Evans	3
Neathery	1
Vontzefde	1
Moger	1
Bayliss	1

DATE OF CONTEST: 9-21

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 7
Deerfield 4

Goals

Neathery 4

Evans 3

Bayliss - 5 saves

Waterpolo Having 'Trouble Kicking Intensity of Play Into High Gear

by Jason Der Ananian and
Nick Vantzelfde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield

Hotchkiss

Andover	7
Deerfield	4

Hotchkiss	12
Andover	6



With their first test of the new season out of the way, a win against NMH, and a loss against Loomis, the Andover water polo team faced off against

the best the league has to offer. The team traveled all the way out to Deerfield for a mini-tournament against Deerfield and Hotchkiss. With a well-fought win against Deerfield, who had the home pool advantage, Andover looked exhausted in their disappointing loss to Hotchkiss in which they were heavily embarrassed.

Andover demonstrated skill and teamwork that was unmatched in any previous performance this season. After a slow start, the Blue found their groove and played a strong game. Senior Derek Neathery '97 led the team in goals, tallying a total of four, most them attributed to his blazing speed and lightning quick agility. Superstar Collin Evans '99 had a hat trick, demonstrating the cannon like power of his arm.

Goalie Jarrett Bayliss '97 had quite an impressive performance in the cage with 10 saves. He displayed his acute visual skills, and cat like awareness by connecting with several players down the pool on fast breaks. Senior Nick Vantzelfde '97 did a splendid job at hole guard of cooling off the big guns from Deerfield. Vantzelfde was on fire, not allowing a single goal to his offender. He remarked after the game, "With the excellent teamwork and die-hard determination that Andover showed today, I believe that we can be a real contender for the title."

After playing a long and tough game against Deerfield, Andover's endurance meter was on "E" for their match against Hotchkiss. With only ten minutes rest between the two grueling matches, Andover had little time to recharge. Hotchkiss jumped off to an early lead, which Andover was never able to overcome. Der Ananian had five tremendous goals, but Vantzelfde was the only other Andover player to knock one past the Hotchkiss goalie. "Stonewall" Bayliss looked more like a piece of Swiss cheese allowing twelve Hotchkiss goals, as if afraid of that little yellow ball. Andover's defense looked unfocused and decentralized from the start of the game. Senior Vantzelfde said after the game, "We were exhausted, I almost didn't mind wearing those stupid Speedos." Andover meets Exeter in two weeks at a mini-tournament. The Blue Wave will train hard within the coming days and be ready to grapple with the Exeter Griffin's.

DATE OF CONTEST: 9-21

OPPONENT: Hotchkiss

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 6
Hotchkiss 12

Goals

DerAnanian 4

Neathery 1

Evans 1

Bayliss - 6 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-5-96

OPPONENT: Chocate

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT: Andover 11
Chocate 8

Goals

DerAnanian	7
Neathery	2
Vantzelfde	1
Evans	1

Bayliss - 7 saves

Boys' Polo Pockets Two Wins

by J. Der Ananian and N. Vantzelfde

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	11
Choate	8
Andover	13
NMH	8



Andover traveled to Exeter this past weekend to play in a mini-tournament. The Big Blue played back to back games against Choate and N.M.H. beating both teams, and improving their record to 4-3. Andover's two weeks of intense training, paid off as they showed aggressive and confident play on Saturday.

Choate

The squad got off to a slow start in the first quarter of play against Choate. After the end of one quarter, Choate had jumped to a 3-1 lead. In the second quarter, Andover settled

into a groove, outscoring Choate 6-1. The Big Blue's seniors paved the way, scoring all the goals in this quarter. Captain Jason Der Ananian '97 blasted in three goals from hole set. While new senior Derek Neathery '97 popped in a pair and Nick Vantzelfde '97 had one. From the second quarter on, Andover never fell behind, maintaining a safe three goal lead through out the rest of the game. Vantzelfde played stellar hole defense completely shutting out the opposing teams hole set. The Big Blue's performance was compromised only by a lack of heads up defensive play. Jay Blitzer '99 had three steals on the day. Andover's Goalie, Jarrett Bayliss '97, turned away most everything Choate could muster. He had a total of 10 saves and a number of great passes that led to fast break goals. Der Ananian had a total of seven goals from hole set. Collin Evans '99 played a solid game and chalked up another goal. On defense, however Der Ananian was outsidied and had trouble controlling his NMH counter-

part

NMH

After an intense game against Choate and the loss of senior Nick Vantzelfde due to a broken finger, Andover still caught N.M.H. by surprise, jumping to a 4-1 lead after one quarter of play. The Big Blue held out for the entire game maintaining a high level of confidence. N.M.H was frustrated by their play and failed to take advantage of Andover's weaknesses. Der Ananian had seven goals in an impressive performance in hole set. Senior Derek Neathery and Jay Blitzer each blew two goals by the opposing goalie.

Rookie goalie, Matt Palmer '99, had a spectacular game in net with 8 saves. Todd Anderman '99 scored his first goal of the season shooting a rocket into the upper right corner.

Overall Andover played two excellent games and looks forward to the return of injured starter Vantzelfde for their tournament at Deerfield.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-5-96

OPPONENT: Northfield

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT: Andover 13
Northfield 8

Goals

DerAnanian	7
Neathery	2
Blitzer	2
Evans	1
Anderman	1

Palmer - 4 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-12-96

OPPONENT: Suffield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 11
Suffield 8

Goals

Neathery 3
DerAnantan 3
Anderman 1

Palmer - 10 saves

ANDOVER SPLITS WEEKEND TOURNAMENT AT DEERFIELD

Andover's men's water polo team traveled to Deerfield Academy last

by Jason DerAnanian

and Nick Vantzelle

PHILLIP SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	11
Suffield Academy	8
Deerfield	8
Andover	5



weekend to participate in a mini-tournament against Deerfield and Suffield Academies.

As expected, Andover rolled over Suffield in the first game, winning easily 11-8. Andover's match with Deerfield ran back to back with the Suffield game. The Blue played an intense game, losing a heartbreaker 8-5. With their season record of 1-1 against Deerfield, Andover will match up again with the Green on October 26. Andover's Parent's Weekend. With a win against Suffield, and a loss against Deerfield, Andover's record became 5-4 on the season. The Blue need only one more win to qualify for New England Water Polo Championships hosted by Deerfield Academy on Nov. 9.

Suffield

The score of the Andover-Suffield game looked closer on paper than it did in the pool. From the get-go,

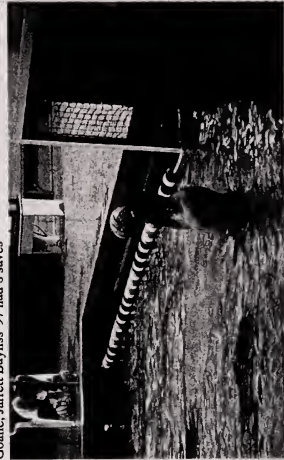
Andover jumped all over Suffield, outscoring them 3-0 after one quarter of play. Two of Andover's first quarter goals came from Captain Jason DerAnanian '97 and one from senior sensation Derek Neathery '97. Nick Vantzelle '97, sat out the first quarter, still doctoring a broken finger, which he injured during last week's game against Choate. Vantzelle ended up playing a solid game for Andover in the second and third quarters. After running up a score of 9-3 at the end of three quarters, Andover took out most its starting team, putting in a look to the future. Overall, the Blue's second team played solidly, preserving Andover's lead throughout the game. Leading Andover's scoring attack were Derek Neathery '97 and Der Ananian '97 scoring three goals each, and Todd Anderman '99, Collin Evans '99, Nat Moger '00, and goalie Matt Palmer '99 each adding one goal of their own. Andover's back-up goalie, Matt Palmer '99, played a spectacular game for Andover, racking up 11 saves in his first start of the season. As time expired in the third quarter, Palmer scored an impressive goal from his own net.

Deerfield

After beating Deerfield 7-4 in their first meeting of the season, the Big Blue were taken by surprise by a seemingly new and stronger Deerfield team. After Deerfield jumped out to a 3-0 lead halfway through the first quarter, Andover

was forced to take a time-out to rethink their strategies. The time-out helped the Blue settle down, as they shut down Deerfield's scoring attack the remainder of the first quarter. Andover quickly stole the games' momentum away from Deerfield in the second quarter, as the Blue scored three unanswered goals, tying the game at 3-3 before the half. Throughout the third quarter, Andover and Deerfield both played intense polo. Deerfield scored two goals in the third, taking advantage and capitalizing on the Blue's mistakes. Andover went into the final quarter down 5-3, and ended up running out of steam, losing 8-5. Nick Vantzelle and Derek Neathery '97 accounted for Andover's other goals. Goalie, Jarrett Bayliss '97 had 8 saves

in Andover's loss. The Big Blue couldn't match Deerfield's quick start and intensity throughout the entire game. Andover's loss can be attributed to failure converting on power plays and missing numerous shots. Although this was a game that Andover should have won, one has to give credit to the Deerfield, who came out strong and surprised the Blue with quickness and new strategies. Andover will meet N.M.H. for their Parent's Weekend this Saturday. The Blue will not only be looking for a win on Saturday to qualify for New England Championships to be held on November 9, but also a chance to heighten their confidence level going into the final games of their '96-'97 season.



Jarrett Bayliss '97 tends the net with expertise

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-12

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: P.A. 5
D.A. 8

Goals

DerAnanian 3

Vantzelfde 1

Neathery 1

Bayliss - 4 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-19

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: NMH

RESULT: P.A. 17
NMH 13

Goals

Neathery	7
DerAnanian	5
Moger	2
Vantzelfde	1

Bayliss - 12 saves

Water Polo Spoils NMH's Parents' Weekend With High-Scoring Victory

by Jason DerAnanian
and Nick Vantzelfde
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

**Andover
NMH**

**17
13**



This past weekend the boys' water polo team traveled to Connecticut along with the rest of Andover's sports teams to meet NMH on their Parent's Weekend.

The Blue Wave played an aggressive game against a violent and unsportsman-like NMH team. Andover won the hard-fought battle, qualifying the Blue for the New England Water Polo Championships to be held at Choate-Rosemary Hall on November 9.

Andover came into this game knowing that they needed a win in order to qualify for the post-season Championship Tournament. A spirit of determination overwhelmed the Blue as they began the game.

The first quarter of the game saw clean playing on both sides of the

pool. NMH scored first on a fast break, surprising the hardy Blue defense.

Andover answered this blatant challenge with four unanswered goals. At the end of the first quarter, Andover had outscored NMH, jumping to a 7-4 lead.

From that point on, the Blue did not look back. Although NMH brought the game to within two goals at certain points in the game, Andover's vibrant defense preserved the lead.

Andover's goals came from Derek Neathery '97, who had seven goals on the day, and captain Jason Der Ananian '97, who blasted in five from hole set.

Der Ananian centered Andover's offense in hole set, not only scoring many spectacular goals, but also unselfishly throwing out numerous assists. Even NMH's all-start P.G. couldn't shut down Der Ananian in hole.

Defensive specialist Nick Vantzelfde '97 popped in a goal as did Piers Platt '98 and Nat Moger '00. Vantzelfde, still feeling little pain from a previous injury, was able to drain the NMH hole set.

As the game progressed the frustration level of NMH's team rose as they were embarrassed in front of their home crowd. The rising frustra-



Collin Evans '99 launches a shot at the NMH goal

Photo / L. Johnson

tion led to numerous violent outbursts on the side of NMH. Luckily, the referee noticed these actions and Andover players escaped without unnecessary injury.

By the fourth quarter most of NMH's starting line-up was "riding the pine" after being permanently ejected from the game. This allowed all of Andover's second and third string players to get their feet wet.

Overall, Andover played a strong

game, committing few mistakes. Captain Der Ananian had this to say after the game, "People who said winning isn't everything, never won anything. So, we're looking forward for another hard week of practice and a win against Deerfield this Saturday in front of our parents."

The Big Blue water polo team will play Deerfield this Saturday at 2:45. Continued success should give them a high spot in the tournament.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10-26

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 12
Deerfield 9

Goals

Neathery	5
Der Ananian	3
Vantzelfde, Nick	2
Moger	2

Bayliss - 13 saves

Date: 10-30

Opponent: Exeter

Played: Exeter

Result: Andover 4
Exeter 16

Goals

Vantzelfde	2
Neathery	1
Evans	1

Boys' Waterpolo Wrecks Deerfield To Claim Season Series

by Jason DerAnanian
and Nick Vantzelfde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	12
Deerfield	9



The boys' varsity water polo squad entered the parents weekend game having split the first two meetings of the season with rival

Deerfield. This game turned out to be a crowd pleaser as the score remained close throughout the entire game. In the first and second quarters the lead changed hands many times, but after some heart-felt advice at half time from coach Paul Murphy, the Blue Wave took control and dominated the last two periods of play, outscoring Deerfield 8-4.

The first half began with Andover playing at a level of intensity rarely seen in the water. In front of the home crowd, Andover overcame everything Deerfield threw at them. Solid defense and heads-up play held the Blue within striking distance of the opposing Deerfield squad. At the half Andover found themselves trailing by one goal. The Blue entered the sec-

ond half in good fashion, receiving excellent play from the usually strong starters. The third period belonged to Nat Moger '00, who pounded in two goals, nearly doubling his season total. His amazing goals and unselfish assists contributed to the Big Blue's rebound in the second half. Andover scored 4 unanswered goals to open the second half, jumping out to an 8-6 lead. Deerfield was held at bay by excellent goal tending in the final half from senior Jarrett Bayliss. In the end, Andover emerged victorious from a very violent and strenuous game.

On the day, captain Jason DerAnanian '97 scored three goals, and Derek Neathery '97 netted five goals along with four crucial steals that contributed to other fast-break goals. The crowd saw excellent defense from senior Nick Vantzelfde as he helped shut down the spectacular Deerfield offense. Vantzelfde also made contributions on offense, scoring a pair of goals. Goalie Bayliss posted 15 saves, three times that of the opposing goalie.

The Blue Wave has the week off and will compete at interschools on the 9th of November.

Waterpolo Finishes On High Note

by Jason DerAnanian
and Nick Vantzelle
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Boys' Polo

This past weekend, the Andover boys' water polo team traveled down to Choate for the 1996 New England Water Polo Championships.

While everyone else was enjoying the Andover/Fletcher festivities, the polo team was playing three grueling and intense games. The Andover boys were seeded fourth out of six teams in the tournament. After expecting some fierce competition, Andover was ecstatic with their amazing third place finish.

Deerfield

Deerfield was given one more chance to beat Andover after suffer-

ing two losses to the Big Blue earlier in the season. The first quarter of play was slow as both teams were adjusting to the new pool and each other. Deerfield took it out strong and went into half-time with a 4-3 lead. In the second half, Andover's defense played phenomenal as they shut down Deerfield's fast break. Andover held the Deerfield offense to only one goal throughout the entire second half while pounding in three of their own.

Going into the fourth quarter trailing 5-4, Andover came roaring back as Collin Evans '99 scored off the pass from Captain Jason DerAnanian '97. With only a minute to play in the game DerAnanian blasted in the winning goal from center cage. Ejections and penalties plagued the Big Blue throughout the game, but in the end they held on, dramatically pulling out a win, 6-5. Goalie Matt Palmer '99, just getting his feet wet filling in for the absent Jarrett Bayless '97, had an amazing 8 saves. The win sent the Blue into the semi-finals.

Loomis

After an exciting win against Deerfield, Andover jumped in against

a fresh Loomis team, who had won a bye in the first round as they were seeded first.

The score was tied between the two teams 4-4 after the first half of play. With Andover's goals coming from seniors Derek Neathery '97, Vantzelle '97, and DerAnanian and one from junior Nat Moger '00, the Blue gave Loomis quite a scare. Despite Andover's heroic efforts, in the second half sloppy defense and numerous ejections let Loomis ship to a 14-8 victory. The loss sent the squad into the match for third place against the sixth seed and home team, Choate.

Choate

With an enormous home crowd, desperately seeking a team that could muster up a win after their football team lost to Deerfield, Choate's polo boys roared out to a 2-0 lead, stunning the powerful Blue. A beruffled Andover squad then decided it was time to show these rowdy fans what the Blue were made of. Andover jumped out to a commanding 4-3 lead at the half with two goals coming from Evans, and one each from

Vantzelle and DerAnanian. Andover's lead, however, only appeared to be commanding as it soon vanished. With the home crowd cheering them on, Choate took a 7-5 lead. But the Blue then proceeded to score three unanswered goals, conveniently coming from all of the three of the seniors: DerAnanian, Vantzelle, and with the winning backhanded goal, Neathery. The triumphant Blue sailed home winning their last game, a feat which these writers have never seen in their four years at Phillips Academy. Andover polo continues to carry on the tradition set forth by the second place finishing '94 and '95 squads with another successful season. Also, the newly-elected captain for the '97 season will be Piers Platt '98.

TOURNAMENT TOTALS

	Goals	Assists
Evans	6	7
DerAnanian	5	3
Vantzelle	5	2
Neathery	3	2
Anderman	2	0
Moger	1	1
Blicher	0	0

Jason DerAnanian '97

by Peter Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It is the fall of your junior year and you're going out for the boys' varsity waterpolo team, with no previous experience, against a bunch of guys who are bigger than you and are familiar with the game. The result: you get cut. For most people, such a scenario would turn them away from the sport and cause them to focus their attention elsewhere. Jason DerAnanian '97, however, did not turn his back on the sport after he was cut his Junior year.

Instead, he used the experience as a reason to work harder and prove his worth in the water. Last week, after four years of hard work, the league waterpolo committee named DerAnanian to the prestigious All New England Team for 1996.

During the fall of his junior year, DerAnanian hung out with guys on the waterpolo team and watched almost every game. By doing this he started to get a feel for the game and also began developing a passion for it. The following summer he attended a waterpolo camp at the United States Naval Academy where he improved a

great deal; enough so that he easily made the PA team that fall.

At the beginning of his Lower year, DerAnanian regularly came off the bench for the team and played a fair amount each game. Seniors Howie Shainker '95 and Ryan Lisiak '95 helped him with his game and generally looked after his well being in the pool. Under their tutelage, DerAnanian steadily improved until finally he became a member of the starting six.

Since that time, DerAnanian has been a major contributor to the boys' water polo program at PA. As the captain of the team this year, DerAnanian led the team to a third place finish at Interschols and concluded the season with 65 goals.

This year the team started off slowly and remained at about .500, up through the midway point in the season. In the second half of the season, however, the team turned things around, under the guidance of DerAnanian, and really began to play as a team. DerAnanian is convinced that the turning point of the season came against Deerfield on Parents' Weekend. "We really started playing together in the second half of that game. The chemistry was definitely there." Previously to that game, Andover held a 1-1

record against Deerfield, with both contests having come down to the wire. The Parents' Weekend game was different, however, in that Andover really controlled play in the second half. "After that game things just fell into place for us every time we got in the water," comments DerAnanian.

The team went into Interschols seeded fourth behind Loomis Chaffee, Exeter, and Hotchkiss. In their first game, Andover stacked up against Deerfield for the fourth time in the season. Deerfield looked strong in the game but Andover pulled the game out 6-5. A few hours later the boys got back in the pool to face first seeded Loomis Chaffee, a team which had not played a game yet because of their high seed. Andover stayed with Loomis for the first half but in the second half they simply ran out of steam. "The match in the morning really hurt us," explains DerAnanian, "If we hadn't played that morning I think the game would have been a lot closer."

Overall, the team finished third behind the goal scoring of DerAnanian. Throughout the tournament he continually proved his worth to the team; a far cry from the days of being cut from the squad. In recognition of his great season, DerAnanian was





Jarrett Bayliss '97

"Jarrett has stepped into a new game, and has become one of the best goalies in New England" —Coach Paul Murphy

by Paul Pennelli

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Jarrett Bayliss, an athlete most recently known for his exploits on the ice and on the diamond, is also excelling at one of the most difficult positions in sports. Goaltending in waterpolo requires not only skill, but lightning quick reflexes. Bayliss has provided both of these, and is helping to lead the waterpolo team through another successful season.

Throughout Jarrett's life, sports have played a tremendous role in his development. In his hometown of Williamstown, Massachusetts, Bayliss was a hockey and baseball player. His two brothers, Jonah and Trevor '94 are also great athletes who contribute to this sports oriented family. Despite his participation in other sports, baseball was Bayliss' first love, and it continues to be his favorite sport.

Jarrett comes from a long line of Andover grads. His great-grandfather, Oz Tower, was the dean of faculty here, and his grandfather, Oz Tower Jr., was a day student.

Originally, Jarrett was favoring football as his new sport, until he had a conversation with Ryan Lisiak '95 and Ben Cathcart '95. Lisiak and Cathcart were the two senior goalies of the waterpolo team, and when they heard that Jarrett was looking for a sport, they convinced him to head for the pool.

"So one day," says Jarrett, "I showed up at the pool with a Speedo™ on. On the first day I had trouble swimming from end to end."

Coach Paul Murphy '84 was pleased when he saw Jarrett enter the pool area. Coach Murphy had known

Jarrett since the beginning of his junior year, and says, "We were desperately in search of new blood...Cathcart and Lisiak just recruited him. It turned out to be a great match."

Bayliss spent most of that first season watching the matches from the sidelines, and trying to learn as much as possible. Bayliss credits Lisiak for the skills that he now possesses today, and Cathcart and Coach Murphy for his knowledge of the strategic side of waterpolo. The high point of that season came when the Blue defeated Exeter for the first time in waterpolo history, a monumental victory. After he started a few JV games, and got some playing time on the varsity squad, Jarrett seemed poised to become the starting goalkeeper for the 1995 season.

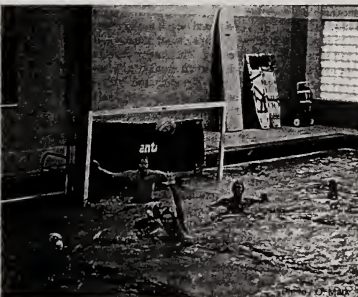
That squad featured Andover

Andover fans roaming the campus to the north, cheering their hearts out for the waterpolo team. "It was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of in a waterpolo game . . . it was so loud that it was hard to hear the whistles," said Bayliss.

Bayliss' best game this season came against Deerfield when he allowed just five goals. He describes his play that day as very solid, with only a few mistakes. Jarrett's goals for the rest of the season are to beat Deerfield on Saturday, beat Exeter on the following Wednesday, and to be successful at Interschols. Unfortunately, Bayliss will not be able to make the trip to Interschols with the team. He has been selected to go play in Florida for an all-star New England team, selected by coaches from this region. It is an incredible honor, one that Jarrett could not pass up.

Next year Jarrett will hopefully be headed to Davidson or Stanford where he wishes to participate in the baseball program. If he decides to head off to a smaller school, he may be able to play both hockey and baseball. When asked about Bayliss' overall performance, Coach Murphy comments, "Jarrett is not a huge cheerleader, but he has become one of our team leaders. His enthusiasm sets the tone for the team in many cases."

Jarrett Bayliss has stepped into a new game, and has become one of the best goalies in all of New England. In addition to his strides in net, he is also hoping to make strides with his baseball career, being captain of the Andover team. When all is said and done, Jarrett's desire to be the complete player comes to the front of his mind: "This year I've been working on my field skills. [Matt] Palmer ['99] has been playing well in net, and I hope to play the field in set hole before the season is over." Watch to see if Jarrett Bayliss gets his wish in the coming week.



waterpolo God, Rush Taylor '96. Interschols was particularly exciting that year, not only because of its intense competition, but its location. The championships were held at Exeter, during an Andover - Exeter weekend that was at Exeter. This meant that there were swarms of

Boys' Polo Takes Third at Interschols

by Todd Anderson and Collin Evans

PELLHAM SPORTS WRITERS



To say that the boys' varsity water polo team had a successful season is a severe understatement. This year's team met and surpassed pre-season expectations. The end-result for Andover's overachieving squad was a third place finish at the New England Prep School Athletic Conference Championships.

A good water polo team requires two separate elements—talent and unity. When these two components work together, the team can succeed. A team without one of these two elements is not necessarily doomed to failure.

The more obvious of these two areas is the team's foundation of talent and skill. Coming into this season, Andover feared it was lacking in this respect. However, the arrival of one year senior Derek Neathery '97, combined with the significant progress made by the underclassmen, exonerated this fear. Team captain and top goalscorer Jason DerAnanian '97 and defensive specialist Nick Vanzelfde '97 were complimented in the starting lineup by Neathery, an all around impressive player, as well as Collin Evans '99, Todd Anderson '99, Nat Moger '00, and goalie Jarrett Bayliss.

The Blue also possessed remarkable teamwork, as the aforementioned players functioned as a single cohesive unit. The abilities of the team were greater than the sum of each individual's talent. Andover exemplified team play throughout the season with strong come from behind wins, most notably in its final game, for third place, against Choate.

Last year's second place finish along with vacant starting positions inspired the returning team members to hone their skills during the summer. Pre-season double session work-outs and effective coaching gave the boys the tools needed for success.

In its season opener, the team struggled against Loomis. Loomis' depth and experi-

ence overwhelmed Andover's young team, to say the least, as the Blue fell by the score of 9-3. Later that day, Andover destroyed an unprepared NMH team 8-5. Moger put in two goals as well as Neathery, DerAnanian, and Vanzelfde. After their first weekend of play, the boys were off to a .500 start.

The next Wednesday, Exeter came to Andover for one of the two annual meetings between the two schools. Exeter was favored to win New England's this year with returning All-American Clark Weatherspoon and a strong, experienced starting line coming off its early 2-0 lead following quick goals from DerAnanian and Neathery, but Exeter quickly came back and took a 4-2 lead after one quarter. Exeter unfortunately, continued to control the match, winning 20-13.

After a mediocre start, Andover had a victory over St. John's and a close loss to Deerfield. The boys were then headed north to Exeter, not to avenge their home loss, but rather to face off against Choate, a perennial powerhouse, and the Higgins of NMH. Andover rolled in both affairs beating Choate 11-8 and NMH 13-8. Andover's record stood at 4-3. The Blue then cruised to an easy, but close, 8-5 victory the next Saturday against Deerfield. In its second contest of the day, the Blue met Suffield. The tired squad struggled early but regained composure leading 8-5 after three quarters, but lost it in the fourth giving up six goals and scoring none. The split gave Andover a 3-4 season mark.

After beating NMH for the third time, the next contest fell on Parent's Weekend and on the slate was the strong team from Deerfield. The Green took a 5-4 half-time lead, but Andover, after an inspiring half-time speech from Coach Murphy, returned with vigor during the second half. The Blue quickly scored four unanswered goals and never looked back. In the end Andover won by a 12-9 margin, and raised its record to 7-4.

The Boys finished up with two more wins and a loss to Exeter giving themselves a 9-5

record and a fourth seed at New England's Suffield. Loomis and Exeter were the top three seeds while Deerfield and Choate rounded out the bottom third of the six team field. Exeter and Loomis received first round byes while Andover faced the live seed, Deerfield, for yet another match.

Goalie Matt Palmer '99 stepped into fill the open spot left by Jarrett Bayliss, who was in Florida for a baseball scouting trip. Deerfield came out fast—stronger than the Blue had ever seen them. They had a 5-4 lead late in the fourth quarter until a pair of goals in the last minute from Evans and DerAnanian gave Andover the edge.

Andover then had a match against the second seed Loomis. The two teams played equally for the entire first half at which point the Blue ran into foul trouble and had to substitute in less experienced players in order to save Vanzelfde and Neathery.

Loomis jumped to a three goal lead which quickly proved insurmountable, even when Andover's surging line was in the pool. Loomis advanced with a 14-8 victory.

Choate lost their second round match to Exeter and would lose Andover in the third place game.

The game began as the

Vanzelfde and Jason DerAnanian won all-tournament honors, being two of seven selected, while Matt Palmer was under consideration for all-tournament goalie. Andover has a strong returning team while Exeter is graduating all six field players and Loomis is graduating five. The Boys are favored next year with returning starters Anderman, Evans, Moger and goalie sensation Palmer, complimented by next year's captain, Piers Platt '98.



Senior Jarrett Bayliss led the boys' water polo team this year with stellar goaltending.

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SPORT: GIRLS WATER POLO

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: REBECCA GREENBERG
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: CINDY EFINGER
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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3rd in All-Eastern Tournament

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Anderson, Elizabeth G.
Bartlett, Anne H.
Connors, Kate E.
Ferranti, Allison S.
Greenberg, Rebecca L.(C)
Greig, Elizabeth A.
Lind, Mary L.
Murphy, Caitlin S.
Niarchos, Zoe B.
O'Connor, Caitlin
Pollak, Caroline
Schoen, Jessica L.
Soichet, Emmanuelle S.

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Sat., Sept. 14	Choate/Loomis	home	8-4 -Loomis 5-3 Choate
Wed., Sept. 18	Exeter	home	14-6
Sat., Sept. 21	Loomis-Chaffee	away	13-7
Sat., Oct. 5	Choate/Lawrenceville	away	11-5-Choate 15-5-Lawrvle.
Wed., Oct. 9	N.M.H.	home	20-6
Sat., Oct. 12	Williston Northampton	home	13-3
Sat., Oct. 19	N.M.H.	away	25-5
Sat., Oct. 26	Deerfield	home	20-3
Wed., Oct. 30	Loomis Chaffee	home	14-4
Sun., Nov. 10	Easterns		3rd place

GIRLS SUFFOCATE POTENT LOOMIS OFFENSE

by Anne Bartlett & Mel Lind
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover
Loomis-Chaffee

13
7

The girls of the Andover water polo team continued their early season dominance of their opponents this week with a 13-7 win over Loomis Chaffee. The victory



was the team's second of the season against Loomis and their fourth overall. As Caitlin Murphy '98 put it, "the [Andover] girls are really skilled at handling the ball."

Andover started off the game with a goal by Anne Bartlett '98 (the first of her three) and then continued to put the pressure on Loomis when Rebecca

Greenberg '97 beat the goaltender with a strong shot to the near side. The girls played well the rest of the half and took a commanding lead into the second half.

Caroline Pollack '98 paced the Blue in the second half by scoring three goals and moving the ball very well. Jess Schoen '99 and Emma Soichet '98 also scored goals for the Blue.

Coach Cindy Effinger "was really excited that everyone was able to play in the game and was impressed by everyone's performance." New starters Murphy and Pollack were particularly strong on defense, as they stole the ball on numerous occasions. Zoe Niarchos '98 and Bartlett each blocked shots at critical moments of the game before the ball was able to reach the goal. Goalies Mel Lind '98 and Liz Anderson '00 also played well, each turning away several criti-

cal shots.

Liz Greig '97 and Allison Ferranti '98 really helped the team circulate the ball around the pool by doing an excellent job evading their Loomis defenders. Kate Connors '98 and Anne Kreps '99 each facilitated exceptional attacks on net, as did Grieg whose perfect pass into the hole allowed Greenberg to fire a spectacular backhand.

Jen Smith '97 was unfortunately unable to attend the game due to illness. The girls said afterward that they could feel her there in spirit though, kind of like Mrs. Chase at all-school meeting. Colleen Dixon '99, who was also unable to play in the game, cheered the team on from the sidelines. For the next two weeks the Andover girls will have a well deserved break from games and plan to work on advanced strategy and general conditioning.

Girls' Polo Steamrolls Over League Rivals

by Anne Bartlett and Mel Lind
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	14
Lawrenceville	2
Andover	11
Choate	1
Andover	20
NMH	6



The juggernaut known as the Andover girls' water polo team continued to dominate the league this week as it cruised to three easy wins over Choate, Lawrenceville, and NMH.

Lawrenceville

The girls started off well against Lawrenceville with a hat trick by Liz Greig '97 in the first minute of play. Playing strong defensive end, Allison Ferranti '98 had an awesome steal and an even better assist to Zoe Niarchos '98 who completed the play with finesse (the first of her three goals). As Caroline Pollak '98 put it, "Zoe has some phat shots."

In this particularly high-scoring quarter, Caitlin Murphy '98 had a terrific backhand which was quickly followed by Ferranti's amazing lob. Future Olympic goalie Liz Anderson '00, played in the second, third, and fourth quarters, making a grand total of thirteen saves.

At half-time, Andover was in clear control of the game, leading by a score of 12-2. In the third quarter, Lynley Wheaton '98 assisted new-

comer Caitlin O'Conner '97 in her shot from the six meter line. Colleen Dixon '99 and Anne Kreps '99 proved especially adept at stealing the ball. Jess Schoen '99 finished off the game with a super skip shot.

Choate

While the Choate game proved a little more difficult, the Andover girls were still clearly dominant. The first two quarters were slightly slow with a score of 2-1 at half-time. After an inspirational half-time team talk by coach Cindy Effinger, the intensity really picked up in the third quarter when Anne Bartlett '98 sent a backhand flying past the stunned Choate goalie for the first of her three goals.

Captain Rebecca Greenberg '97 also added five of her "well-timed, perfect shots," as Bartlett put it, to the Andover second quarter tally.

Murphy had some great steals and a key assist to Schoen in the second half.

Afterwards, Effinger commented, "Thanks to our captain's leadership abilities, our girls managed to play up to their potential in the second half."

NMH

On Wednesday, spurred on by the roaring home crowd, the Andover girls once again proved their dominance in the pool as they handily defeated NMH by a score of 20-6. In this particularly high-scoring game, everyone had a chance to play and many even scored. As usual, goalies Lind and Anderson played a great game, each blocking numerous shots.



Goalie Mel Lind '98 moves toward the NMH shot. Lind had seven saves before she made way for her back-up. Photo / J. Boynton

Girls' Waterpolo Continues To Overpower Opponents

by Anne Christodoulo and Mel Lind

FRIELIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 25
NMH 5



"We've done it again!" exclaimed Zoe Niarchos '98 after the Andover girls' water polo team once again played well, defeating the NMH

Hoggers 25 to 5. The girls' record now stands at 7-0 and it seems that they are well on their way to becoming New England champs for the second year in a row.

After all their hard work in practice, the team really pulled together and showed what they could do in this game. Everybody was given the opportunity to play and contribute to this expose of Andover talent. Although the team was instructed to work the ball around and minimize

the scoring upon their hapless opponents, they worked together so well, and had so many fast breaks, that they couldn't help but score and score.

Starting for the first time in goal, Liz Anderson '00 played an excellent first quarter allowing only one goal to slide past her. Once again, the starting team proved their incomparable skills in the water and blew past their NMH opponents. Captain Rebecca Greenberg '97 and Jess Schoen '99 led the scoring onslaught each scoring three goals. Towards the end of the quarter an awesome pass from Caitlin Murphy '98 to the fast breaking Emma Solichet '98 drew the Andover bench to their feet.

The action in the second quarter proved no less exciting than that of the first, with Liz Greig '97 leading the team with several steals that led to fast break goals. Uppet phenom Kate Connors' assist to Allison Ferranti '98 was just one of many examples of the girls' awesome teamwork. The real highlight of the second quarter, how-

ever, was when goalie Mel Lind '98 showed her prowess in goal blocking a wide open breakaway shot.

In the second half, inspired by Greenberg, the girls went back into the game ready to rock the pool some more. This spirit was exemplified by Caitlin O'Connor '97 and Niarchos who each pounded two awesome shots past the stunned NMH goalie. O'Connor, however, didn't stop there as she had three steals and assisted Connors' job goal to the far right corner. Stirring up action on defense were Colleen Dixon '99 and Anne Kreps '99.

The starters wrapped up the game in the fourth quarter with two goals by Anne Bartlett '98 and another two by Murphy. As O'Connor put it "they [the starters] really showed NMH how polo is played."

As the girls prepare for Deerfield this weekend, and Easterns in three weeks the spirit of the team is constantly rising.

Waterpolo Headed For Easterns

by Peter Christodoulo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	13
Williston	2
Andover	0
Andover	0



On Saturday, the girls of the Andover water polo team matched up against a far inferior squad from Williston. One could say that this game was over before it really began as the Andover girls took the early lead and never looked back, cruising to the 13-2 win.

In the first quarter, Caitlin Murphy '98 took command of the

game early as she tallied Andover's first goal of the game with a tremendous shot to the upper right corner of the goal. The Williston goalie could do nothing but watch as the ball wizzed by her arms. The Big Blue didn't let up after that goal and scored seven more before the half.

At the half, Andover held a comfortable 8-1 lead and coach Cindy Effinger decided that a total embarrassment of Williston would not be a sound decision. She then instructed her "pollettes" to ease up a bit. One of the reasons for Andover's success in the first half was the incredible play of goalie Liz Anderson '00 who stopped many a shot in a valiant display of raw athleticism and determination.

In the second half, both the

Andover and the Williston players slowed the general pace of the game as the inevitability of the outcome played heavily on their minds. Mel Lind '98 described the level of play as, "Quite poor! Both teams seemed not to care too much."

Andover cruised the rest of the way and finished the game as the clear victor. Few Andover players seemed excited about the game afterwards as many believed it to be a poor showing of their talents. Evidence of this is the fact that few members of the team even remember the final score or anyone who scored goals. The win continues the Big Blue's winning trend and modifies their season record to 6-0. Next up: the Blue play NMH on Saturday.

Triple Victory for Girls' Polo

by Peter Christodoulou
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	11
Loomis Chaffee	5
Andover	8
Choate	4
Andover	14
Exeter boys' JV	7



With the departure of most of their starters from a year ago, some would say that this year's girls' waterpolo team has no chance at repeating

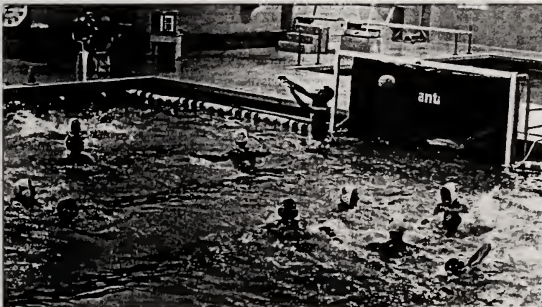
as New England Champions. Led by captain Rebecca Greenberg '97, the girls on this year's squad would disagree with such a statement and have shown thus far that this team has the potential to rise to the top of New England again. In their first three games the season, the girls of Andover polo have stomped all over their opponents by a combined score of 33-16.

Loomis

The girls had this game in hand the entire way as they blew by Loomis. Anne Bartlett '98 scored the first goal of the young season when she beat the goaltender to the far side in a dramatic show of power and accuracy. After a strong first half in which they dominated play, the girls cruised easily in the second half and claimed the easy victory.

Choate

Last Saturday, the girls matched up against Choate in their first real test of the year. The team started out aggressively with two goals in the first quarter by Caroline Pollack '98. "Caroline's lob shot to the far corner was just awesome in the first quarter," commented Bartlett after the game. Liz Grieg '97 also played well and added a goal in



Captain Rebecca Greenberg '97 nets a bullet against the Exeter Boys' JV squad

Photo / O. Mark

the second half. The final score of the game came out to be 8-4 in favor of the girls in Blue.

Exeter boys' JV

On Wednesday, the girls locked horns with Exeter's boys' JV squad in a battle that would leave the Exeter boys searching for excuses and their manliness. The girls began the game on a tear and continued their domination for the remainder of the game. Greenberg left the boys weeping in their speeds as she scored an amazing six goals.

Pollack was not far behind, however, as she scored five goals of her own. Goaltender, Mel Lind '98, played extremely well in net as she stopped eleven shots. Coach Cindy Effinger remarked after the game, "this was a great game; everyone played well."

The girls have proven that despite common skepticism they are title contenders again but they still need to improve if they wish to attain the glory of last year's team.



Coach Cindy Effinger takes a moment to discuss strategy with her team during their battle with Loomis

Photo / O. Tripp

NE CHAMPIONS AGAIN

by Anne Bartlett
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	20
Deerfield	3
Andover	14
Loomis-Chafee	4



Cheered on by the largest crowd of the season, the Andover girls were once again victorious this Saturday, defeating Deerfield 20 to 3. On

Wednesday, defeating Loomis for the third time this season, the Andover girls emerged smiling from the pool. For the second year in a row, they have proved themselves New England Champs.

In the Deerfield game, the girls really came together, playing more as a team than they have all season. The girls had a particularly strong first quarter, which began with Captain Rebecca Greenberg's '97 goal only twenty seconds into the game. The Deerfield girls only got off two shots, both of which were blocked by goalie Mel Lind '98.

The second quarter was also quick paced. A total of seven goals were made, four by Anne Bartlett '98 and one by both Allison Ferranti '98 and Emma Soichet '98. These were followed by an amazing skip shot by Greenberg '97. Deerfield scored its only goals in this quarter. Andover put amazing defensive pressure on



Captain Rebecca Greenberg '96 uses her backhand power to skip the ball past the Deerfield Goalie

Photo / O. Tripp

them in the second half of the game.

After an inspirational half-time talk, led by "coach-for-the-day" Paul Murphy '84, the girls' game only got better. Everybody got to play in this second half, and several people contributed to the total number of goals. Caitlin O'Connor '97 and Liz Grieg '97 both had wonderful shots to the far corner that left the Deerfield

goalie in need. On the other side of the pool, Andover goalie Liz Anderson '00 showed her defensive skills, with a shut out for the quarter. Making a total of six saves, she helped lead the team in their victory.

Led by the seniors, playing their last game in the Andover pool, the girls defeated Loomis 14 to 4. While the first half proved a bit slow, the

Andover girls pumped up the volume in the second half. Jess Schoen '99 had a particularly strong third quarter, scoring three goals (including an awesome buzzer beater from the seven meter line.) As usual, Greenberg '97 was the high scorer, making half of the teams fourteen goals.

Now that they are New England Champs, the girls' water polo team looks forward to a challenging tournament in Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania on Andover/Exeter weekend.

Ed. Note: The author's name was incorrectly listed last week as Anne Christodoulou.

Girls Take Third At Easterns

Jess Schoen '98, Liz Greig '97 and Rebecca Greenberg '97 make Eastern National Team

by Anne Bartlett
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After a four hour delay in Logan International Airport, the Andover girls' water polo team finally boarded their plane to Harrisburg, PA.

Excited and ready to play, the girls reached their hotel in Mechanicsburg, PA at one o'clock in the morning, where they took a quick nap before the first of their five grueling games. The ten top qualifying girls' water polo teams on the east coast gathered at Cumberland Valley Educational Park each aspiring to win the title of Eastern Champions. The Andover girls proved particularly strong, losing only one game and coming in third place overall.

Andover's first game was against Lawrenceville, a team that they previously defeated. The women in blue clearly dominated this game crushing Lawrenceville 14 to 3. Everyone got to play in this game, including goalie Liz Anderson '00 who had a total of seven saves in the third quarter. Starting goalie Mel Lind '98 had an awesome four meter save in the fourth quarter.

Captain Rebecca Greenberg '97 and Anne Bartlett '98 were the high scorers of this game, each scoring a total of three goals. Jessica Schoen '99 and Caroline Pollak '98 each scored two goals, while newcomer Caitlin O'Connor '97 also contributed to the final score with a wonderful shot to the far right corner.

The following games proved a bit more exciting. At three o'clock the girls played Wyoming Valley West, a team from northern Pennsylvania. The final score was 8 to 4, with Andover being victorious. Greenberg '97 clearly led the team in this game, scoring a total of five goals. Liz Greig '97 played particularly strong defense, occupying the position of hole-d, where she forced several turnovers. At the end of the first quarter the score was tied at zero to zero; however, the girls really picked it up in the second and third quarters and managed to pull away from their hapless opponents.

The next morning at eight o'clock the girls jumped back in the pool ready to play the team from Annapolis, Maryland. Perhaps the most exciting game of the tournament, the Annapolis game really put the Andover girls' abilities to the test. In the end, Annapolis defeated Andover five to four. At the end of the first quarter, the score was one to zero Annapolis.

In the second quarter the Andover girls came back strong with two goals by Greenberg and one by Greig, tying the score three to three at half-time. Goalie Lind was extremely pleased when Bartlett and Pollak each blocked shots on man-down plays. Schoen played excellent defense in this game shutting down Annapolis' main player. After starters Greig and Caitlin Murphy were both ejected from the game, Emma Soichet '98 and Kate Connors '98 stepped up to the challenge. In the third quarter, Annapolis pulled ahead five to four.

While the girls were able to shut Annapolis down in the fourth quarter, they were not able to score either.

The girls' next game (at noon) was against Kingfish, another Pennsylvania team. Once again the girls showed their skills, defeating Kingfish fifteen to seven. This was a particularly good game for Murphy and Pollak who each scored four goals. The final goal was an amazing two point shot from behind the seven meter by Greenberg. Goalie Lind also had a good game, making a total of nineteen saves. This victory qualified Andover to play in the semifinals, later that day against Loomis.

For the fourth time this season, the Andover girls defeated Loomis. This win clinched third place overall. The final score was eight to two. Exhausted, the girls had a ridiculous number of attempts on goal, but were able to pull it together by the middle of the second quarter. Pollak led the team with her two goals in the first quarter, Greenberg also scored in the first quarter. As Zoe Niarchos '98 put it "Both teams were really tired, but only Andover really kept it together."

Almost as exciting as the games, was the awards ceremony in which Cumberland Valley was awarded the title of Eastern Champions, Annapolis was awarded second place, and Andover third. Three all-east teams were named and a total of twenty one players were chosen of over one hundred and fifty girls there. Jess Schoen and Liz Greig were both named to the second team, while captain Rebecca Greenberg was chosen as a member of the first team.

Rebecca Greenberg '97

by Jason DerAnanian and
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Rebecca Greenberg '97 seems to be made for the water. She learned how to swim before she could even walk. Even though Rebecca spent the early years of her life in or around the pool, she did not start swimming competitively until she was older. Her older brothers introduced her to the game of water polo the summer before tenth grade. They taught her how to pass, shoot, and do the eggbeater kick. Rebecca resides in Pasadena, California, where water polo is a very popular and fast growing sport. She had little experience with competitive water polo before she came to P.A. her lower year. In choosing a fall sport her lower year, Rebecca picked water polo over volleyball. With her experience in swimming and the water polo skills her brothers taught her, water polo was an excellent choice. From the start, Rebecca quickly picked up the game with ease. Rebecca started her lower, upper, and senior years and is now the leading scorer on the team. Her determination and skill level are unmatched

by anyone else in the league. In the pool her thunderous shot and killer attitude make her opponents tremble. This year she was named the MVP of the entire New England Water Polo League and was selected to the All-Eastern first team both this year and the last. Not only is she extremely talented but she thoroughly enjoys playing. She loves the aggressive style of play found only in water polo, but most of all, she adores the team of all-around great girls. As the captain of the New England champion girls' water polo team in 1996, she had an excellent year. Over the summer she was invited to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to tryout for the Women's National Youth Team. This experience opened her eyes to the national level of water polo, at which she someday hopes to play. In the near future she plans to finish high school and then attend a college, preferably one with a wicked good water polo program. She continues her legacy around the pool by both swimming and diving. Good luck to Rebecca in all her future endeavors, both in and out of the water.







Caroline Pollak '98

"What the waterpolo team has in a player like Caroline is a steady contributor who is not shaken by challenges in the water"

by Paul Pennelli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

After years of learning the game of waterpolo, and arduous training in the pool, Caroline Pollak '98 is now succeeding at the highest level. The Andover girls' waterpolo team is currently undefeated, and much of the credit for this streak goes to Caroline. A three-year upper, Pollak has been a member of the team for all of her years at Andover, and is enjoying her most productive season yet.

Caroline has been living on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for her entire life. She is one of four children in the Pollak family: Caroline has an older brother who attends St. Paul's, a younger brother, and a twin brother, Charles. Swimming has always been extremely important to Pollak: she has been swimming since age seven. After discovering her obvious talents in the sport, in addition to her enjoyment, Caroline began to swim year-round. This was undoubtedly a major commitment, but it was one that paid off.

"It's a bit strange to apply to prep schools when you're from the South," says Pollak. "Most people don't do it." Nonetheless, this was the avenue that Caroline pursued, and she visited many schools up North. "My mom went to St. Paul's, so my family was familiar with boarding schools. I knew I loved Andover when I first visited." When it was time to pick a sport for the fall of her junior year, Pollak decided to give waterpolo a try. When she first began to play, Caroline had great swimming skills, but had never been exposed to the game. "I sat on the bench for most of the season," admits Pollak. In the long run, this season was not in vain: Caroline learned

about the game from some excellent teammates who integrated all of the new players well. According to Pollak, the seniors on that team made all of the new players feel welcome and accepted.

After a summer at waterpolo camp, Caroline was ready to contribute to the 1995 volleyball team. Although she did not start, she was one of the first few players off of the bench during all of Andover's games. Now Pollak was a returning player with a full season and a summer of waterpolo camp to add to her credentials. Her marked improvement allowed her to play more and more, and eventually the waterpolo team won the New England title. "That

'99, goalie Mel Lind '98, and Pollak play tremendously well together, and each player is familiar with each other's tendencies. The Blue have been on a tear, especially Caroline, who has scored twenty goals since the season began.

Caroline's best game this season, in addition to the team's top performance, came against the boys from Exeter. The Blue was forced to play a more aggressive style than they were normally used to, and all of the girls raised their games to the next level. "I think everyone fed of each other's adrenaline during that game," says Caroline.

With three remaining regular season games, the waterpolo team has all but locked up an undefeated season. Their next challenge (arguably their first challenge) will take place on Andover - Exeter weekend. The girls are loading up the jet and heading out to Pennsylvania to participate in a competition that is simply called, Easterns. This battle of wills used to be held at Choate, but was moved to Pennsylvania, which provides a more central location. "The problem with Easterns is that we really don't know what we're up against," says Caroline. "The only teams that we've seen are Choate and Loomis Chaffee." The majority of the girls' competition will be come from public high schools that field year-round club teams. This obstacle, despite its difficulty will hopefully not be insurmountable for the team, or Pollak.

Without question, the waterpolo team is driven to remain undefeated this season. Pollak feels that if the girls continues to come together as a team, this is an attainable goal. Eastern will prove interesting, as the waterpolo team has not been tested often, with the exception of the scrimmage against Exeter boys. Caroline is confident that the waterpolo team is ready for whatever adversity may come their way. She is becoming one of the leaders of the team, and will continue to be in the coming year. "I hoping to help the team continue in a positive direction. In addition to shredding the nets down at the pool, Caroline is the co-head of P.H.I.T., and a member of the yearbook staff. When waterpolo season finally comes to a close, Pollak will turn her attention to her first love, swimming, and then on to crew in the spring. What the 1996 girls waterpolo team has in a player like Caroline Pollak, is a steady contributor who is not shaken by challenges in the water. This attitude will help steer the waterpolo team onto victory, and should net Caroline Pollak more successes in the future.



was my first year of solid contribution, and it felt great to know that I contributed to the title in some way. . . ." Caroline describes the end of that season as a time of great satisfaction, which was well deserved.

The waterpolo team graduated five players last year, which placed a great deal of pressure on the returning players. The core of the team had been playing together for some time, and they hoped that they could capitalize on their chemistry. The starting seven, captain Rebecca Greenburg '97, Liz Grieg '97, Caitlin Murphy '98, Anne Bartlett '98, Jessica Schoen



Girls' Waterpolo Champions

The Big Blue Dominated the New England Prep School Athletic Conference, Claiming First at Interschols and Taking Third at Northeasterns

by Caitlin Murphy
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Undeclared and once again named New England Champions, the Andover girls' waterpolo team started strong, finished strong and did not falter once through the course of the season. The

girls started out unsure as to how they would fare, considering they had lost five key players to graduation. However, the veterans who remained had been playing together for two years, and the newcomers, eager to learn, soon became an integral part of the team.

The season began with a mini-tournament against long time rivals Choate and up-and-

coming powerhouse Loomis. Although the Blue had only been practicing for one short week, they soundly defeated both squads. The next game was against Exeter's J.V. boys. It was hard for Andover to remain focused and unflustered with Exeter's excessive rough play, but the girls managed to keep it together and come out with the win.

After Exeter, Andover waterpolo traveled down to Loomis to battle the Pelicans once again. Loomis gave Andover no trouble and the Big Blue added one more win to its record. Following this game, Andover had a two week stretch without a game. The girls were anxious, wanting to play and win some more games, but they were forced to wait.

Unhappily for the opposition, the girls' adrenaline built until their next mini-tournament at Choate where they faced both the host team and Lawrenceville. As always, Choate proved a challenge but Andover was determined to win, and win they did. The Big Blue came out of these games number one, having soundly defeated first Choate, then Lawrenceville. The next game, against the Hoggers of NMH, gave Andover one more opportunity to

show their skill. In this game, in which the Andover girls were able to try different shots and complicated plays, many of the first year players were able to shine, as the girls pummeled NMH. The girls' next game was against Williston. This game had been plagued in the past by several incidents, including fist fights and fainting. However, this year the game went off without a hitch, and the Big Blue emerged with a win. After Williston, Andover traveled to NMH, where once again they beat the Hoggers without difficulty.

Gaining confidence throughout the season, Andover had to calm themselves down to get ready for Deerfield, the one team that defeated the Blue last season. The Deerfield game was at home, on parents weekend, so the pressure was on. The fans were there, the bleachers were packed, and Andover was ready to win. Full of nerves, it took the Andover a team a while to settle down. The first two quarters were slightly rocky, but once the third quarter rolled around the Blue gained control of the game and never relinquished the lead. Andover emerged from this, perhaps the hardest regular season game, victorious. The girls' final game came against Loomis. Playing this team

for the third time Andover knew what to expect and was able to go into the pool with confidence. However, the Sea Wolves gave Andover a scare. The first half was very even. However, when the third quarter arrived, the Big Blue pulled it together and was able to win, and thus ended Andover's regular season. It was the first history in Andover girls' waterpolo short history that a team went undefeated. After such a success season, the Big Blue was awaiting their tournament with confidence and high hopes.

The final tournament would decide both the New England Champion and the Eastern Champion. Nine teams attended the tournament three. Andover, Choate, and Loomis, from New England and six, including nation-

ally ranked Annapolis and Cumberland Valley, from the eastern seaboard. Andover flew down to Cumberland, PA in the middle of a snow storm Friday night, gearing up to play their first game early.

Saturday morning. Arriving at their hotel forty-five minutes after midnight, Andover woke up early the next morning, grabbed some breakfast and headed to the pool ready to win their first game. After they did this, they returned to the hotel, grabbed some lunch and the returned to the pool to tackle Annapolis, one of the premiere waterpolo teams in the country.

Unfortunately, even though Andover led for the majority of the game, and was tied with just minutes remaining, the competition, proved to be too great. Although starters Rebecca Greenberg '97, Jess Schoen '99, Caroline Pollak '98, and Ann Bartlet '98, who played the entire tournament with a dangerously: hyper-extended elbow, as well as, Liz Grieg '97 and Caitlin Murphy '98, both of whom were ejected from the game in their efforts to try to defeat Annapolis, all played phenomenally, it was not enough.

The Blue suffered a disappointing defeat, losing by only one point.

After this tiring day, Andover headed back to their hotel more determined than ever to emerge from this tournament as New England Champions. On Sunday, Andover had two more regular games to play, along with a game to determine their overall standing. The girls won the first three games. With three wins and one loss, Andover was placed in the semi-finals, playing against

Loomis for the third spot in Eastern competition and first place in New England. Playing Loomis for the fourth time, everything went as expected. The Andover girls came together and ruled the pool from start to finish.

With a sound defeat of Loomis, the girls became New England Champions. Also impressive was the naming of Grieg and Schoen to the All Star B team, and captain Rebecca Greenberg to the All Star A team. In addition, Greenberg was named the Boston Globe League All Star. All in all Andover had a memorable season. A season which began with doubts, continued with confidence, and ended on a high note.

The girls are excited to return next year and defend their NEPSAC championship against the rest of New England.

This was a great season for the whole team. I can't think of any girls who I've gotten closer with through team sports.

-Anne Bartlet '97



Photo / O. Mark



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Not to undermine the stingy defense and excellent goaltending the girls' water polo team practiced throughout their 1996 season, but almost all would agree that the girls rode the arms of their offense to the New England Championships. Caroline Pollak '98, Anne Bartlett '98, Jels Schoen '99 and Rebecca Greenberg were some of the most important contributors on their end of the pool.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Hockey (B V) Governor Dummer (A) 5:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Basketball (B V) GOVERNOR DUMMER (Scrim) (H) 3:30
Basketball (G V) Milton (Scrim) (A) 3:30
Hockey (B V) BRIDGTON SCRIMMAGE (H) 3:30

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Basketball (G V) Brooks (A) 1:00
Hockey (B V) CANTERBURY (H) 4:30
Squash (B V) M.I.T. (H) 1:00
Wrestling (B V) BROOKS SCRIMMAGE (H) 2:00

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Basketball (B V) TILTON (H) 5:45
Basketball (B JV1) PINGREE (A) 5:00
Basketball (B JV2) PINGREE (A) 3:30
Basketball (G V) HARVARD (H) 4:00
Basketball (G JV1) ND READING HIGH SCHDDL (H) 3:00
Basketball (G JV2) B.B.&N. (A) 3:00
Hockey (B V) THAYER (H) 6:30
Hockey (B JV1) CHELMSFORD (H) 4:30
Hockey (G V) K.U.A. (H) 2:30
Squash (B V) BROOKS SCRIMMAGE (H) 2:00
Squash (B JV1) BROOKS SCRIMMAGE (H) 2:00
Squash (G V) TABOR (H) 3:30
Swimming (B JV) BERWICK ACADEMY (H) 3:15
Swimming (G JV) BERWICK ACADEMY (H) 3:15

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Basketball (B V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 4:00
Basketball (B JV1) ANDOVER SCRIMMAGE (H) 2:00
Basketball (G V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 5:30
Hockey (B V) ST. MARK'S (H) 3:30
Hockey (B JV1) MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS (H) 5:30
Hockey (G V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 4:30
Hockey (G JV) GOVERNOR DUMMER (H) 1:30
Squash (B V) CHOATE/EXETER (H) 4:15
Squash (G V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 4:30
Swimming (B V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 4:30
Swimming (G V) Choate Scrimmage (A) 4:30
Wrestling (B V) GOVERNOR DUMMER (H) 2:00
Wrestling (B JV) Deerfield, Loomis, SPS, NMH (A) 3:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Basketball (B V) Thayer (A) 5:00
Basketball (G V) Thayer (A) 3:00
Hockey (B V) Harvard (A) 2:00
Hockey (G V) GOVERNOR DUMMER (H) 2:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Basketball (B V) Harvard (A) 1:00
Basketball (G V) Harvard (A) 3:30
Hockey (B V) Tabor (A) 2:00
Hockey (G V) TIGER LILLIES (H) 10:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Basketball (B V) Loomis-Chaffee (A) 5:00
Basketball (G V) Loomis-Chaffee (A) 3:30
Hockey (B V) Milton (A) 4:30
Hockey (G V) ASSABET VALLEY (H) 7:00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Basketball (B V) NEW HAMPTON (H) 5:30
Basketball (G V) NEW HAMPTON (H) 3:30
Hockey (B V) TILTON (H) 6:00
Hockey (G V) HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL (H) 4:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Hockey (B V) ST. JOHN'S (H) 3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Basketball (G V) N.A.P.S. (H) 6:00
Squash (G V) Middlesex (A) 4:15
Squash (G JV1) Middlesex (A) 4:15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Basketball (B V) Tabor (A) 6:30
Basketball (B JV1) Tabor (A) 5:00
Basketball (B JV2) GR. LAW TECHNICAL HIGH (H) 1:00
Basketball (G JV1) MIDDLESEX (H) 4:00
Hockey (B V) EXETER (H) 5:00
Hockey (B JV1) DEERFIELD (H) 3:00
Hockey (G V) St. Paul's (A) 2:45
Squash (B V) St. Mark's (A) 1:00
Squash (B JV2) St. Mark's (A) 2:00
~~Squash (G V) Brooks (A) 2:00~~
~~Squash (G JV1) Brooks (A) 2:00~~
Swimming (B V) Loomis-Chaffee (A) 2:00
Swimming (B JV) EXETER (H) 2:00
Swimming (G V) Loomis-Chaffee (A) 2:00
Swimming (G JV) EXETER (H) 2:00
Wrestling (B V) Deerfield/Tilton/Brewster (A) 2:30
Wrestling (B JV) NMH, TABOR, MILTON, PEA, SPS (H) 2:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Hockey (B V) ALUMNI (H) 2:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Basketball (B V) BREWSTER ACADEMY (H) 3:00
Basketball (B JV1) ST. JOHN'S (H) 4:30
Basketball (G V) N.M.H. (A) 4:00

Basketball (G JV1) N.M.H. (A) 4:00
Basketball (G JV2) GROTON (H) 3:00
Hockey (B V) BERWICK (H) 6:00
Hockey (B JV1) SPRINGFIELD JUN. PIC. (H) 4:30
Hockey (G V) Lawrence Academy (A) 3:00
Hockey (G JV) B.B.&N. (H) 3:00
Skiing Alpine New Hampton (Loon) (A) 2:15
Squash (B V) Tabor (A) 4:30
Squash (B JV1) Tabor (A) 4:30
Squash (B JV2) Belmont Hill (A) 3:30
Squash (G V) St. Paul's (A) 3:00
Squash (G JV1) St. Paul's (A) 3:00
Swimming (B V) LINCOLN SUDBURY (H) 3:30
Swimming (G V) LINCOLN SUDBURY (H) 3:30
Swimming (G JV) Winsor (A) 3:00
Wrestling (B V) WORCESTER/HYDE (H) 3:00
Wrestling (B JV) WORCESTER/HYDE (H) 3:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Basketball (B V) BRIDGTON ACADEMY (H) 7:00
Basketball (G JV2) CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH (H) 4:00
Squash (B JV2) Milton (A) 4:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Basketball (B JV1) DEERFIELD (H) 2:00
Basketball (B JV2) DEERFIELD (H) 2:00
Basketball (G V) Deerfield (A) 2:00
Basketball (G JV1) Deerfield (A) 2:00
Hockey (B V) NOBLE & GREENOUGH (H) 2:00
Hockey (B JV1) ST. PAUL'S (H) 4:00
Hockey (G V) Groton (A) 2:00
Squash (B V) MIDDLESEX (H) 2:00
Squash (B JV1) MIDDLESEX (H) 2:00
Squash (G V) Exeter (A) 1:15
Squash (G JV1) Exeter (A) 1:15
Swimming (B V) Suffield/Hotchkiss (A) 2:30
Swimming (G V) Suffield/Hotchkiss (A) 2:30
Swimming (B JV) MILTON (H) 2:00
Swimming (G JV) MILTON (H) 2:00
Wrestling (B V) Belmont/Loomis/Brewster (A) 0:00 2:30

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Basketball (B V) EXETER (H) 5:00
Basketball (B JV1) EXETER (H) 5:00
Basketball (B JV2) Andover Freshman (H) 3:30
Basketball (G V) Brewster Academy (A) 4:00
Basketball (G JV2) Andover Freshman (H) 3:30
Hockey (B V) Lawrence Academy (A) 3:00
Hockey (B JV1) MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS (MIN) (H) 6:30
Hockey (G V) St. Mark's (A) 2:30

Hockey (G JV) ST. MARK'S (H) 2:15
Skiing Alpine Brewster (Gunstock) (A) 2:15
Squash (B V) ST. PAUL'S (H) 4:30
Squash (B JV1) ST. PAUL'S (H) 4:30
Squash (B JV2) GROTON (H) 2:30
Squash (G V) Groton (A) 2:30
Squash (G JV1) Groton (A) 3:30
Track (B V) WESTON (H) 3:30
Track (G V) WESTON (H) 3:30
Wrestling (B V) NO. ANDOVER HIGH (H) 3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Basketball (B JV2) GR. LAW TECHNICAL HIGH (H) 3:45
Basketball (G V) TABOR (H) 6:00
Basketball (G JV1) TABOR (H) 4:00
Hockey (B V) MIDCOAST MIDGETS (H) 5:15
Squash (B V) Tufts (A) 4:30
Squash (G V) TUFTS (H) 4:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Basketball (B V) N.M.H. (H) 3:30
Basketball (B JV1) N.M.H. (H) 3:30
Hockey (B V) LODMIS-CHAFFEE (H) 3:30
Hockey (B JV1) St. Mark's (A) 2:00
Hockey (G V) Deerfield (A) 2:00
Skiing Alpine Proctor (A) 1:30
Squash (B V) Choate/Milton (A) 4:00
Squash (G V) Choate/Milton (A) 1:00
Squash (G JV2) ST. MARK'S (JV) (H) 3:00
Swimming (B V) DEERFIELD (H) 2:30 3:30
Swimming (B JV) Deerfield (A) 2:30 3:30
Swimming (G V) DEERFIELD (H) 2:30 3:30
Swimming (G JV) Deerfield (A) 2:30 3:30
Wrestling (B V) N.M.H./ST. PAUL/MILTON (H) 3:00
Wrestling (B JV) PEA, DEERFIELD, SPS, MILTON (A) 3:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Basketball (B JV2) Chelmsford (A) 4:45
Basketball (G V) Cushing (A) 3:30
Basketball (G JV1) Cushing (A) 5:00
Basketball (G JV2) Chelmsford (A) 3:30
Hockey (B V) DEERFIELD (H) 4:30
Hockey (B JV1) CHELMSFORD (H) 7:00
Hockey (G V) EXETER (H) 2:30
Hockey (G JV) Middlesex (A) 2:30
Skiing Alpine K.U.A. (Whaleback) (A) 2:15
Squash (B V) EXETER (H) 2:30
Squash (B JV1) EXETER (H) 2:30
Squash (B JV2) EXETER (H) 2:30
Squash (G V) Noble & Greenough (A) 3:00 2:30

Squash (G JV1) Noble & Greenough (A) 3:00 2:30
Squash (G JV2) GROTON (H) 4:15
Swimming (B V) NE BARRACUDAS (H) 6:00
Swimming (G V) NE BARRACUDAS (H) 6:00
Wrestling (B V) Tabor (A) 3:30
Wrestling (B JV) Tabor (A) 3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Basketball (B V) THAYER (H) 4:30
Hockey (G V) NEW HAMPTON (H) 3:30
Squash (G V) MIDDLESEX (H) 4:15
Squash (G JV1) MIDDLESEX (H) 4:15

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Basketball (B JV1) LAWRENCE HIGH (H) 11:00
Basketball (B JV2) LAWRENCE HIGH (H) 11:00
Basketball (G V) EXETER (H) 2:00
Basketball (G JV1) EXETER (H) 2:00
Hockey (B V) B.B. & N. (H) 4:00
Hockey (B JV1) ANDOVER HIGH SCHDDL (H) 12:00
Hockey (G JV) HANOVER YOUTH HOCKEY (H) 6:30
Squash (B V) MILTON (H) 2:00
Track (B V) N.A.P.S. (H) 2:30
Track (G V) N.A.P.S. (H) 2:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Basketball (B V) K.U.A. (A) 4:15
Basketball (B JV2) ANDOVER FRESHMAN (H) 4:15
Basketball (G V) ST. PAUL'S (H) 2:45
Basketball (G JV1) ST. PAUL'S (H) 2:45
Basketball (G JV2) Pingree (A) 2:30
Hockey (B V) K.U.A. (A) 4:15
Hockey (B JV1) ASSABET VALLEY (H) 6:45
Hockey (G V) Tabor (A) 3:00
Hockey (G JV) BERWICK ACADEMY (H) 3:45
Skiing Alpine Proctor (A) 2:15
Squash (B V) BELMONT HILL (H) 2:30
Squash (B JV1) BELMONT HILL (H) 2:30
Squash (G V) ST. PAUL'S (H) 4:15
Squash (G JV1) ST. PAUL'S (H) 4:15
Swimming (B V) Worcester (A) 3:30
Swimming (G V) Worcester (A) 3:30
Track (B V) CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH (H) 3:30
Track (B JV) CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH (H) 3:30
Track (G V) LYNNFIELD HIGH (H) 3:30
Wrestling (B V) TILTON/NEW HAMPTON (H) 3:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Basketball (B V) Beaver Country Day (A) 3:30
Basketball (G V) TILTON (H) 4:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Wrestling (B-DV)

Basketball (B V)	Deerfield.....	(A)	4:30
Basketball (B JV1)	Deerfield.....	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G V)	Exeter.....	(A)	2:30
Hockey (B V)	New Hampton	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL.....	(H)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	HOLERNESS.....	(H)	4:30
Hockey (G JV)	St. Paul's	(A)	4:15
Skiing Nordic	Interschols (St. Paul's).....	(A)	TBA
Squash (B V)	Groton.....	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	Groton.....	(A)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	CONCORD ACADEMY	(H)	4:00
Squash (G V)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Squash (G JV1)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Swimming (B V)	EXETER.....	(H)	3:30
Swimming (G V)	EXETER.....	(H)	3:30

Basketball (B V)	Cushing.....	(A)	6:00
Basketball (B JV1)	Cushing.....	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G JV2)	FAY SCHOOL	(H)	3:30

Basketball (B JV2)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH.....	(H) 2:00
Basketball (G V)	SUFFIELD.....	(H) 2:00
Hockey (B V)	N.M.H.	(H) 4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	N.M.H.	(H) 6:00
Hockey (G V)	B.B.&N.	(A) 4:00
Hockey (G JV)	CONCORD ACADEMY (JV).....	(H) 2:00
Squash (B V)	Interschols (ladder of 5).....	(A) 8:00
Squash (B JV2)	BELMONT HILL	(H) 12:00
Squash (G V)	Interscholastics.....	(A) 9:00
Squash (G JV2)	Noble & Greenough.....	(H) 12:00
Swimming (B V)	N.M.H.....	(A) 1:00
Swimming (G V)	N.M.H.....	(A) 1:00
Track (B V)	Interscholastics.....	(A) 1:00
Track (G V)	Interscholastics.....	(A) 1:00
Wrestling (B V)	Nationals	(A) 9:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Interschols (N.M.H.)	(A) 10:00

Squash (B V) Interscholastics.....(A) 9:00

Hockey (B V) PINGREE.....(H) 4:15

Basketball (B JV1)	Exeter.....	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	Interscholastics.....	(A)	TBA
Basketball (G JV1)	Exeter.....	(A)	5:30
Basketball (G JV2)	SHORE COUNTRY OAY.....	(H)	3:30
Hockey (G V)	CHELMSFORD PEE WEE.....	(H)	6:00
Squash (B V)	Exeter.....	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	Exeter.....	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	Exeter.....	(A)	2:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Track (B V)	Nationals	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	Nationals	(A)	TBA

SPORT: Boys' Basketball

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: Kanu Okike
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Leon Modeste
ASSISTANT COACHES: Paul Kalkstein

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Basketball -BV
Arrington, June (M)
Cole, Pierce T.
Coolidge, Robert D.
Cutler, Aaron D.
Meserole, Christopher O.
Mitchell, Kermit G., II
Okike, Kanu M. (c)
Okike, Nnamdi D.
Rebassoo, Finn O.
Salem, Deeb A.
Tarantino, John S.
Voccola, Edward J.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wed., Dec. 4	Tilton	home	74-43
Sat., Dec. 7	Choate (scrimmage)	away	
Sat., Dec. 14	Thayer	away	78-81
Sun., Dec. 15	Harvard	away	60-87
Mon., Dec. 16	Loomis-Chaffee	away	61-45
Tues., Dec. 17	New Hampton	home	60-74
Sat., Jan. 10	Tabor	away	56-66
Wed., Jan. 15	Brewster	home	93-48
Fri., Jan. 17	Bridgton	home	66-76
Wed., Jan. 22	Exeter	home	68-80
Sat., Jan. 25	N.M.H.	home	51-63
Wed., Jan. 29	Open date		
Fri., Jan. 31	Thayer	home	62-63
Wed., Feb. 5	K.U.A.	away	70-42
Fri., Feb. 7	Beaver Country Day	away	62-48
Wed., Feb. 12	Worcester	home	64-87
Sat., Feb. 15	N.M.H.	away	47-64
Wed., Feb. 19	Deerfield	away	51-62
Fri., Feb. 21	Cushing	away	60-66
Sat., Mar. 1	Exeter		61-67

Okike Brothers Lead Charge

by Charles Finch
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	76
Tabor	66
Andover	93
Brewster	48



With the exception of a four minute stretch at the beginning of Saturday's Tabor game, the boys' basketball team had an excellent week. Unfortunately, those four minutes were enough to let Tabor slide by with a victory, and Andover ended the week with a disappointing 1-1 showing. Still, the team has been steadily improving its record; they are currently just a game below .500 at 3-4. Indeed, this young team is maturing and coalescing as they play together. In the words of guard Deeb Salem '97, "The start of the season was rocky, but we're steadying ourselves and getting in sync. Pretty soon that progress will show up in the win column."

Tabor

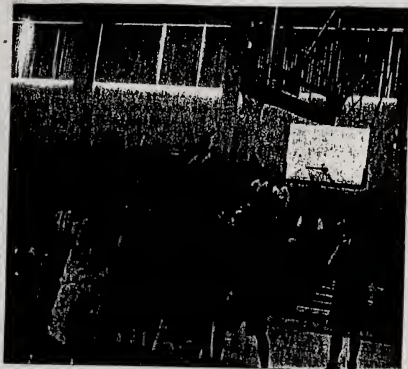
The Tabor game started off poorly even before tip-off. In fact, before the game began Nnamdi Okike '98 was assessed a technical foul for dunking during warm-ups, which gave Tabor the ball in lieu of a tip off. Tabor capitalized, immediately scoring on a lay-up. Then they hit a few jumpers and had several breakaway points, and before the Andover starters knew what had hit them, the score was seventeen to nothing. Seeking to slow down the pace, Coach Leon Modeste substituted Salem, who galvanized the team's spirit. After the team got into its rhythm, the game was a seesaw battle. At the half, Andover had pulled to less than ten points down, and went into the locker room with momentum clearly on their side. However, Tabor managed to stave off every Andover run, hitting key shots and making sure never to turn the ball over.

In the fourth quarter, the game became really intense. Thanks to the heroics of David Coolidge '97, who rebounded with ferocity and played generally smart basketball, Andover pulled within a few points on several occasions. In fact, with a Coolidge basket, Andover pulled to within four points with less than a minute remaining in the game. Unfortunately, a Tabor forward hit a jumper from the baseline, and Andover was unable to convert on their next possession, thus sealing the game for the Sea Wolves.

understandably disappointed. Stern performances by Coolidge, Salem, Kanu Okike '97 and Finn Rebassoo '99 all went to naught. Coolidge summarized the game best when he said, "This was a tough game for us, especially since we got into a hole early. We fought back, but we'll just have to chalk this one up to experience."

Brewster

It is rare that a forty-five point victory does not fully convey the complete dominance of one team over another. But such was the case with Andover's 93-48 victory over Brewster. In all aspects of the game—rebounding, shooting, defense—Andover easily controlled their less



Nnamdi Okike '98 muscles in the paint for the rebound

Photo / O. Mark

talented opponents. The game was so far out of reach in the second half that Andover was able to lower their level of play, relaxing and moving the ball around.

Surprisingly, the Big Blue came out of the boxes slowly—after the first few minutes, Brewster had tied Andover—but revved it up after the first period. The team got its energy from some unlikely sources: Justin Vocola '99 was the high scorer of the game with eighteen points, and Gerald Mitchell '97 had six assists and three steals. The starters also got their fair share. N. Okike '98 paced the team with nine rebounds, and Salem recorded seven assists.

Perhaps the most important part of this game was Andover's passing. The team had in excess of thirty total assists, and proved that they could move the ball effectively against several defenses. Also, the team worked on its new man-to-man trap defense, causing many turnovers.

In all, this game was an easy one for PA. The team must play with more seriousness if they want to win today's 7:00 game against Bridgeton, a game with playoff implications. Hopefully Andover can continue to play fundamental, good basketball and meet with the success of last year's squad.

Boys Fall To Exies

by Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Bridgton	76
Andover	66
Exeter	80
Andover	68



This was certainly not the best of weeks for the Andover basketball squad. In both of their games, they entered with high expectations and came away disappointed. With these

losses, the squad's record drops to 3-6, and as the second half of the season approaches the team's playoff hopes are rapidly dwindling.

Bridgton

This year, Bridgton surprised everyone and came in with a stellar rotation which featured speed and athleticism. This combination was too much for the Blue, who fell behind early and never quite managed to get back in the game.

The game began with a portentous 9-0 Bridgton run. Andover quickly responded though, as David Coolidge '97 hit two baseline three-pointers. Slowly, Andover crept into the game,

relying chiefly on the man to man trap defense to allow easy points, and was only losing by four at the half.

However, Bridgton came out shooting in the second half, and quickly reestablished domination.

Despite the losing effort, several players had strong games including Pierce Cole '97, with fifteen points, five assists, and two rebounds, and K. Okike with eighteen points, three assists, six rebounds and four steals.

Exeter

Like Bridgton, Exeter would capitalize on Andover's lack of speed by running the floor. Exeter was also able to shoot twenty percent better than Andover.

Finn Rebassoo '99; got the Blue started. He enjoyed his best game of the year with a double-double, ten points and ten rebounds.

Andover was down 46-34 after the first half, and Exeter managed to maintain their lead with the guidance of their senior backcour.

One of the chief rea-

sons for this loss was turnovers, an aspect of the game which has hurt Andover all year; the Blue had twenty-four against Exeter.

While this week was bad and Andover is down to its last few chances, players and coaches alike are optimistic that the season can be turned around.



Nnamdi Okike puts the ball in after snagging a rebound

Photo / B. Park

Looking for A Win

by Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	63
Andover	51



The boys' basketball team lost to conference powerhouse Northfield Mount-Hermon last Saturday, 63-51. The score is not indicative of Andover's level of play, however. In the words of John Tarantino '98, "They were a team composed mostly of post-graduates, and they were definitely the strongest team we've played this year. We played well, but they were too much." The loss drops Andover's record to 3-7.

Again in this game, the Blue came out of the blocks slowly, allowing NMH to jump ahead to a quick eight point lead. This time Andover came back, led by forward Kanu Okike '97, who had twenty points and eight rebounds in the game. The team drew within five points on several occasions in the first half. However, excellent

outside shooting and superior defense allowed NMH to stave off every Andover attack. At the half, the opposition led by ten points.

In the second half, Andover employed a new plan, which involved slowing the pace drastically and concentrating on defense. In the words of Justin Voccola '99, "We were almost stalling. We were outmanned—they were bigger at every position—so we had to do something." The plan worked to a degree, as Andover stayed even with NMH throughout the second half. However, despite a short flurry of Andover scoring, NMH was able to hold onto their lead and eventually win by twelve points, 63-51. The low score reflects Andover's tries to slow down the game; unfortunately it wasn't

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Pierce Cole '97 lights up his NMH opponent

Photo / O.Mark

Boys Prepare for Exies

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enough in the end.

While it was a tough loss against a great team, the game was encouraging in some ways. Tarantino noted that, "If we play like that against Exeter, we'll have a good shot at winning." Also, several younger players are showing signs of improvement, most notably Finn Rebassoo '99, who has been solid at small forward. While the playoffs are looking improbable, the boys hope

to salvage the season. A good start could come this week, as the team faces Thayer tonight, one of the weaker teams on Andover's schedule, and Kimball Union Academy this Wednesday.



Nnamdi Okike '98, the big man

Photo / O.Mark

Basketball Dunks KUA

by Charlie Finch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Thayer	63
Andover	62
Andover	68
Kimball Union	40



Andover's boys' basketball went 1-1 this week, bringing their record to 4-9. They lost a heartbreaker to Thayer, but won an easy match against Kimball Union Academy.

Though the playoffs look improbable, Coach Modeste's boys hope to come out on the winning side for the rest of their schedule and to win the all-important Exeter game.

Thayer

The Blue lost a thriller to a superior Thayer squad last Friday, 63-62, in a contest that went into overtime. The game drops Andover's record to 3-9, a

disappointing mark for a team with high pre-season expectations. It is, however, an encouraging sign that the team was able to keep up with Thayer for forty minutes.

The game began as nearly all have this season—with the opponent making a quick run. In this case, Thayer hit two three-pointers and got four break away points to give them a 9-0 lead. Looking to regroup, Coach Leon Modeste substituted Deeb Salem '97, who led the team to the score of 9-8. Andover pulled with one at the end of the first half, 30-29.

With the clear momentum coming out of the locker room, Andover jumped out to a huge twelve point lead, 55-43. During this flurry, Chris Meserole '98 led the team with four of his game-high 13 points. Not surprisingly, though, Thayer bounced back and tied the game in the last minute, 56-56. This is how regulation ended.

After the game, Salem remarked, "Overtime was the last thing we wanted." Thayer was pumped up and Andover, though they made a last effort, couldn't hold out. The final was

a bitter 63-62 score. This was a game that Andover should have one, and the loss will doubtlessly rankle.

Kimball Union Academy

A win over Kimball Union Academy demonstrated Andover's ability to bounce back after a tough loss. The game ended with the score of 68-40, a blowout by any standard.

The outstanding performance of this game was turned in by lower Finn Rebassoo with 23 points, had five rebounds and played excellent defense. Led by Rebassoo, Andover came out of the blocks on fire, rare for a time that has displayed sluggishness early in ballgames. The game was over, for all intensive purposes, at the half, as Andover led by double digits.

It's good that the boys' basketball team was able to get in an easy game. Their tough schedule has been free of a cakewalk, and a blow out is a always a confidence booster. The team will need to focus more on playing fundamental basketball this week when they face two solid squads, Beaver Country Day and Worcester.

Basketball Continues Slide

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

NMH	60
Andover	45
Andover	61
Deerfield	50



Andover Boys' Basketball had a disappointing week, losing tough games on the road to Northfield Mount Hermon and Deerfield.

Despite strong efforts in both contests, Andover was unable to pull out wins, dropping their record to 5-11. At NMH the boys played what was at times excellent ball but were unable to come through in the stretch and, as a result, lost by the score of 60-45. At Deerfield, the Blue was unable to handle the well disciplined Deerfield team, playing flat after its tough loss at NMH and losing 61-50.

On Saturday at Northfield Mount Hermon, Andover played the first of four road games, a stretch which ends with the regular season finale at Exeter. Andover came out in the first half playing inspired basketball which Nnamdi Okike '98 called "As good a half of basketball as we could've played". Both NMH and Andover played excellent defense and good ball control offense, keeping the score low.

Neither team was able to break the game open and the teams traded baskets for most of the first half. Going into halftime Andover trailed NMH 26-22.

Andover came out strong, continuing its intense style of basketball. Led by the excellent performance of Deeb Salem '97 whose play was one of the major reasons Andover stayed close. Salem, who finished with 20 points, was both an offensive and defensive spark and was the controlling force of the team. With about ten minutes remaining NMH opened the game up, taking an eight point lead. Andover kept pumping in points but NMH had an answer for every basket. With a small flurry, Andover cut its deficit to four points with three minutes remaining. This flurry was Andover's last, however, for in the final minutes, NMH took control of the game, taking advantage of the Blue's lack of depth, on its way to a 60-45 victory.

Andover entered its Wednesday contest with Deerfield hurting and needing a win. Unfortunately, though, the Blue suffered a disappointing 61-50 loss, dropping its season record to 5-11.

The game started out close, and the teams seemed evenly matched. As the half progressed, the blue began to pull away and even had an eight point lead at one point in the second quarter. Pierce Cole '97, who had 14 points led the Blue. However, Deerfield slowly

fought back and the Big Green entered the locker room with a two point lead.

Andover came out of the locker room flat and allowed Deerfield to pull away. The Blue was outscored 13-2 in the third quarter and were down 13 going into the fourth and final quarter. Coach Modeste then put in his underclassmen, who demonstrated much potential despite being unable to narrow the deficit. Andover eventually lost 61-50.

Deerfield played a strict, fundamentally sound game which Andover had a difficult time adapting to. With the slow ball-control offense and tight defense, Andover could never really get into a groove. Now 5-11 Andover is looking towards upcoming games with strong Cushing and Exeter squads.

B-Ball Falls Short At Cushing

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Cushing	66
Andover	60



This past week, boys' varsity basketball lost its only contest, a hard fought battle against a tough Cushing squad. In the loss, which dropped the boy's record to 5-11, the

Blue again turned in an effort which left them just short of victory. Andover played well enough to win but were unable to capitalize on Cushing's fatigue in the stretch run. This Saturday, Andover will try to pull things together and cap the season off with a solid win at arch-rival Exeter. Unfortunately, Andover will have to battle Exeter plagued by injuries to Deeb Salem '97 (shoulder) and Finn Rebasoo '99 (wrist). Andover traveled to Cushing for a rare Friday evening game, and the pumped up squad took an early lead with its aggressive, hard-nosed play. The quick starting blue

squad could not keep up with its counterparts from Cushing who fought back to take the lead with their efficient play. Michael Jordan, a post-graduate forward for Cushing, dominated play and shot the lights, breaking the game open. Going into halftime Andover faced a nine point deficit.

Andover was struck with a major blow early in the second half when floor leader Deeb Salem injured his shoulder and was forced to leave the game. Without Salem's tenacious defense, the big Cushing point guard was able to take over the game, scoring and dishing out assists. A stunned Andover squad found itself trailing by 15 with only ten minutes remaining. The blue needed to step up their game and they looked to captain Kanu Okike '97 to lead the way. The ever reliable Okike settled the team down with his solid low-post play, and was huge on both the offensive and defensive glass. Following Okike's lead, the whole team stepped it up and kept coming at the tiring Cushing squad. Finn Rebasoo '99, who finished with twelve points, added key baskets. The Blue

found itself down only two with a minute and a half to play. Unfortunately this was as close as the team would get, as Andover seemingly ran out of gas and allowed the Cushing squad to win the game 66-60.

The Cushing game was a tough one and Andover again came away tasting bitter defeat. On top of that, they lost both Salem and Rebasoo to injury. These injuries prompted Coach Modeste to pull up J.V. sensation Brendan Hilley '99 for Saturday's showdown with Exeter. Earlier this season Exeter blew out the Blue by more than twenty points. The Exeter squad is a deep and talented one which made it into the Tournament but, despite the wishes of the players, Coach Malcom forfeited their opportunity to take part in post-season play in order to prepare for Saturday's contest. This decision angered Exies everywhere and put the team in turmoil. Now it is up to our boys in Blue to capitalize on the situation and completely obliterate Exeter's morale with a road victory. A win this Saturday would salvage the Blue's sub par season.

Boys Falter in Second Half

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Exeter
Andover

67
61



Saturday night at Exeter, the Andover boys' basketball team ended its season with a 67-61 loss to rival Exeter.

This loss capped off a 5-12 season, which fell far below Andover's preseason expectations. The loss was the Blue's second to Exeter this season, the first being an early season Exeter blowout. In Saturday's contest, Coach Modeste started five seniors, Kanu Okike, Dave Coolidge, Gerald Mitchell, Aaron Cutler, and Pierce Cole. These players performed amazingly well, as the Blue's undermanned

squad played a nearly flawless first half of basketball.

Much to the delight of Andover fans the Blue came roaring out of the gates. Aaron Cutler, who finished with fourteen points, gave the blue an early edge, scoring nine points in the first two minutes. Gerald Mitchell and Kanu Okike dominated the boards, and along with the other seniors, played tight defense throughout the contest. Playing intense on both sides of the ball, Andover found itself controlling the games' tempo and clutching a four point lead early in the second quarter. Things only improved when Chris Mesarole '98 hit two gigantic threes, stretching the lead to eight with six minutes left in the half. While Andover was able to execute, Exeter faltered. Despite Andover's superior play, however, the Blue allowed Exeter to remain in striking distance

by committing careless fouls. Exeter made a living at the free throw line, staying within single digits at the half.

In the opening minutes of the second half, both teams appeared sharp. The Exeter squad was unable to cut the Blue's lead. Their frustration became most apparent when Exeter Captain Eric Smith threw the ball at Gerald Mitchell's back, drawing a technical. This emotional outburst helped to spark the Exeter squad who played excellent defense and smart, aggressive offense. Scoring became more and more difficult for the Blue, as their lead disappeared when Exeter tied the game with twelve minutes to go. Still, the Blue kept fighting. Kanu Okike took control of the team, with Mitchell capitalizing on opportunities down low, but Exeter had an answer for everything PA threw at them, and led by five with just over two minutes to play.

Once again, Exeter was penalized with a technical foul on top of a personal foul, sending Nnamdi Okike '98 to the line to shoot four. The younger Okike stayed calm, sinking all four, and cutting the lead to just one. Unfortunately one point was as close as the Blue would come. The final minutes belonged to Exeter, who eked out a 67-61 victory.

Once again Andover played well, but fell just short of victory. The game was a perfect portrait of the season in its entirety; filled with bright spots but disappointing results. The game was the last in the careers of several seniors. Next year's squad looks to be strong with six returners, captained by Nnamdi Okike. This season ended in a disappointing fashion, but the team hopes to rebound with a stronger season next winter.

Boys Suffer Through Rebuilding Year

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The boys' varsity basketball team struggled through a frustrating season, in which it found itself on the losing end of almost every close game. Coming off last year's incredible 21-3 season, expectations were at an all-time high. However the young squad found itself undermanned, inexperienced, and undersized, and despite the teams' dedication and heart, the season was one for growth and rebuilding. The Blue finished the season at 5-14. This record is misleading, as the Blue lost 9 of those fourteen by twelve points or less. Despite this season's struggles, next year's squad looks to benefit from the gained experience.

With unrealistically high pre-season expectations, fans of the Blue ignored the huge loss of four key starters. Realistically, a .500 season would have been a reasonable goal. Lacking strength up front, the Blue was often outbounded and dominated in the low post. Captain Kanu Okike '97 often found himself alone battling down low. The starting backcourt was completely new, with Deeb Salem

Andover Follows Up Miraculous '96 Season With Sub-Par 5-14 Record in '97

'97 manning the point and Chris Meserole '98 running the flank. In his first year with the team Salem, the team's unheralded star, came on stronger than anyone could have expected, sparking the team both offensively and defensively. Okike anchored the team as the Andover's leader on and off the court. The intense and driven team played tough, aggressive defense but found its only weakness down low and on the boards. Andover was able to stick with every team it played both offensively and defensively but in almost every contest lapsed for a few minutes allowing its opponents to break open the game.

Andover got off to a solid 3-4 start to begin the season with easy wins over Tilton, Loomis-Chaffee, and Brewster. Andover opened its season on a good note with a 74-43 shelling of Tilton, in which it allowed only 13 first half points. The Blue then went on to Thayer losing what was perhaps its finest and most disappointing game of the season, 81-78. Realizing the responsibilities of his Captaincy, Kanu Okike stepped up, delivering a game high 29 points and 13 rebounds. The team played as well and as soundly as it could, suc-

cumbing in the end to Thayer's truly exceptional athleticism and talent. This loss was pivotal in the season, and despite the teams great performance, the disappointing outcome was only the beginning of what was to be a frustrating season.

After losing to Harvard IV, the Blue got back on track with a 61-45 win over Loomis-Chaffee led by Kanu Okike's 22 big points and post-graduate Aaron Cutler's 12 off the bench. The Blue suffered another tough loss to the exceedingly talented New Hampton, all post-graduate squad 74-62, despite Cutler's 19. This loss was expected, as the New Hampton squad is a factory for Division 1 players, and the Blue's performance was admirable despite the loss. The Blue then lost another tough game to Tabor 76-66, playing the Seawolves evenly after dominating them to take an early lead. Then, in the most one sided contest of the year, Andover allowed them to win in every facet of basketball, pumeling their opponents 93-48 behind Justin Voccola's game high 18, 12 of which came on three point shots.

The Blue then proceeded to lose their next

four games to Bridgton, Exeter, Northfield Mount Hermon, and Thayer. Andover stuck with their opponents in each of these contests, refusing to give up, but, as was typical in this season, could not pull out victories. Andover was plagued throughout the season by its inability to get into games often falling behind. This was never more evident than in the Blue's game with Exeter. Exeter came out strong, hushing the Blue faithful. The Griffin never trailed in the contest, maintaining a ten point cushion for the majority of the game.

The loss to Thayer was almost as heart breaking as the Exeter game. Andover played for most of the game. Unfortunately, Thayer managed to tie the Blue at the end of regulation, sending the contest into overtime. Going into overtime killed Andover's momentum, and Thayer's athleticism prevailed giving them a 65-62 win, and extending Andover's losing streak to four games.

The driven young squad did not give up despite the dismal circumstances, bouncing back to win their next two games. Andover's fourth win of the season came against Kimball Union Academy, as Finn Rebassoo '99 led the charge with 23 points and 10 boards in the loss-sided 70-42 win. Following the massacre at KUA, Andover went to Beaver Country Day to take on Wayne Turner's old team. In the final bright spot of the year, Andover beat BCD handily.

Andover proceeded to drop their last five games to Worcester Academy, Northfield Mount Hermon, Deerfield, Cushing and Exeter, lowering their record to 5-13. After being blown out by NMH and Worcester Andover was able to hang with Deerfield, but despite the efforts of Salem, Andover fell short 62-51. Unfortunately Salem, whose play steadily improved all season, saw his season end early when he suffered a shoulder injury during the 66-60 loss to Cushing. In the final game of the season Andover faced arch-rival Exeter. Without starters Salem and Rebassoo Andover played a solid game but ended the season as one would expect, putting in an effort worthy of a win but coming out empty handed, losing 67-61.

Although the season provided disappointing results the players improved a great deal, both as individuals and as a team, through the close games and challenging competition. K. Okike and Salem both stepped up their play and assumed leadership roles on the team. Pierce Cole '97 and Cutler assumed senior leadership positions and provided the young team with backbone and experience. The seniors kept the team focused and driven but also made things fun for the younger players, setting excellent examples for the players of the future. Coach Modeste had this to say about his boys: "This team truly showed Andover ideals in action".

The future of Andover boys basketball looks promising with the steady improvement of the next year captain Nnamdi Okike '98 and the sharp-shooting of Chris Meserole. Also returning are Rebassoo, Vocola, John Tarrant '98, and late-season call up Brendan Hill '99. Returning these six and bringing in a few top recruits, Andover Basketball looks to elevate its play to the level of the team of '96.

The boys' basketball team was enthusiastic, persevering and, above all else, hard working. Despite several tough losses, [we] never lost heart, always returning to practice ready to work even harder than before.

-Kanu Okike '97

Though this past year's record was unfortunate, the basketball program will surely miss the class of 1997; however, we as a team have to move on. We have six or seven returners and we are expecting two or three talented newcomers. Look for the basketball team of '97-'98 to be among New England's elite.

-Nnamdi Okike '98



Nnamdi Okike '98 puts in a lay up for two points. Andover will look to Okike next year to fill void left by his departing brother, Kanu. Photo / J. Mitchell

SPORT: GIRLS BASKETBALL

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: Stephanie Hunter
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Karen Kennedy
ASSISTANT COACHES: Marlys Edwards

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

NEPSAC Finalist

Basketball - GV
Akade, Aimionioizomo O.
Bramwell, Elizabeth B.
Brooks, Hannah M.
Coffey, Claire M.
Dermody, Alicia B.
Hunter, Stephanie M. (C)
Jordan, Laura K.
Lau, Tien-Lok J. (M)
Siliato, Elizabeth J.
Stoj, Amelia B.
Sullivan, Hannah B.
Williams, Lindsay A.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sat., Nov. 23	Brooks (scrimmage)	away	
Wed., Dec. 4	Harvard (scrimmage)	home	
Sat., Dec. 7	Choate (scrimmage)	away	
Sat., Dec. 14	Thayer (scrimmage)	away	
Sun., Dec. 15	Harvard (scrimmage)	away	
Mon., Dec. 16	Loomis Chaffee	away	61-45
Tues., Dec. 17	New Hampton	home	57-40
Fri., Jan. 10	N.A.P.S.	home	55-31
Wed., Jan. 15	N.M.H.	away	40-55
Sat., Jan. 18	Deerfield	away	56-49
Wed., Jan. 22	Brewster	away	62-21
Fri., Jan. 24	Tabor	home	52-36
Wed., Jan. 29	Cushing	away	56-34
Sat., Feb. 1	Exeter	home	56-43
Wed., Feb. 5	St. Paul's	home	53-50
Fri., Feb. 7	Tilton	home	53-23
Wed., Feb. 12	B.B. & N.	away	53-27
Sat., Feb. 15	N.M.H.	home	45-37
Wed., Feb. 19	Exeter	away	55-47
Sat., Feb. 22	Suffield	home	38-57
Wed., Feb. 26	Interschols (Milton)	home	56-50 O.T.
Fri., Feb. 28	Interschols (Thayer)	away	62-58
Sun., Mar. 2	Interschols - Suffield	away	57-66

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Girls Top The Midshipmen

by Andy Butler
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Andover	55
NAPS	31



With wins over Loomis-Chaffee, New Hampton, and the Naval Academy Prep School, the girls' basketball team has roared out of the gates to post

a 3-0 record. This talented group is quickly sending the message that they are a force to be reckoned with. In fact, the squad's potential could earn them a trip to the NEPSAC tournament and even a championship.

By mixing experience and youth, Coaches Karen Kennedy and Marlys Edwards have put together a team with great chemistry. The squad is made up of a blend of returning players, former JV stars, and newcomers. A core group, including Captain Steph Hunter '97, Anne Miner '98, Hannah Brooks '97, and Alicia Dermody '98, is back for another stint on varsity. Liz Siliato '98 and Amelia Stoj '98 have come up through the ranks to join the team. Veteran additions arrived in the form of Lindsay Williams '97 and Laura Jordan '97, who slid right into the starting line up. Also looking to contribute are newcomers Claire Coffey '99, Liz Bramwell '00, and Aimioniozomo "Momo" Akade '00.

The team usually runs a traditional system, but will sometimes go to a three guard set. Hunter starts at the point, while Dermody is the shooting guard. The duo of Coffey and Williams play the power forward and the small forward, respectively, with Jordan controlling the paint at center.

To maintain its success, the team has been practicing hard and doing lots of sprints. They will have a tough away game against Deerfield Academy this weekend. However, under the supervision of coaches Kennedy and Edwards, and with help from their esteemed manager Chris Georges '96, this gifted group of players has nowhere to aim but the stars.

Girls Rebound, Take Deerfield

by Andy Butler
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NMH	55
Andover	40
Andover	55
Deerfield	49



By regrouping after a tough loss at NMH to beat Deerfield, the girls' basketball team passed the first true test of the season—they showed that they can respond positively

after a defeat.

NMH

On Wednesday, the girls traveled all the way to NMH, only to lose after suffering a tough shooting day. From the very start, the team had significant trouble putting the ball in the hoop. In the first half, they went 3 for 19 from the field and didn't make any of their seven shots from behind the three point arc. In contrast, NMH shot

almost 50% by working the low post. Struggling to break double digits, the team was behind 27-10 when the first half ended.

In the second half, PA came out with increased intensity. Steff Hunter '97 scored twelve of her sixteen points during the stretch; she finished with six steals as well. Laura Jordan '97 also came alive, scoring all of her seven points and pulling down six rebounds in the last two quarters of the game. The squad shot 11 for 36, doubling their first half field goal percentage, and managed to out-score NMH in the second half. However, at the end of the game NMH's half time lead proved too much to overcome.

Many factors contributed to this loss. "We didn't do a great job of boxing out on the offensive boards, and we failed to capitalize on their turnovers," said Alicia Dermody '98. The lack of sharp shooting and rebounding were key factors in this game.

Deerfield

The two days of brutal practice fol-

lowing Wednesday's loss must have made an impression with the squad because on Saturday they prevailed over a Deerfield Academy team that was stacked with post-graduates. In this grinding 55-49 win decided by shooting percentages, Deerfield managed to keep it close. After a lackluster performance against NMH, PA shot an impressive 42% from the field, while Deerfield managed only 32%.

Another important factor in the game was the duo of Steff Hunter '97 and Lindsay Williams '97. Hunter simply dominated Deerfield by pouring in 31 points, 2 assists, and 7 steals. Williams finished with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals. However, it was Laura Jordan '97 who iced the game with several key free throws down the stretch. The team baffled Deerfield Academy with its full court press, and shut down a player many have labeled a division one recruit.

With Anne Miner '98 still out indefinitely, the team is not yet at full force. However, they will look to further their chances of getting to the NEPSAC tournament with more wins.

In the coming week the squad will travel to Brewster Academy on Wednesday and will host Tabor Academy at 6 pm on Friday.

Hot Streak Continues

Girls' Basketball Crushes Brewster and Tabor

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Andover	62
Brewster	21
Andover	50
Tabor	36



With wins over Brewster Academy and Tabor Academy, the girls' basketball team extended their winning streak to three games and improved their record to 6-1. While

Brewster did not provide much of a match for the squad, the well-balanced Tabor team proved to be a worthy adversary by testing their skills.

Brewster Academy

Coming off a big win over Deerfield, the team looked to start a streak with a victory on the road. Upon arrival at Brewster, they found an opponent that was simply not on their level of play. As expected, the squad dominated for forty minutes and won by 41 points. Brewster tried their best to slow down the pace of play, but PA displayed the concentration and poise that make them winners. This resulted in a 21-7 lead after a first quarter, in which captain Steff Hunter '97 scored 11 points.

After establishing a considerable lead, coach Karen Kennedy decided to rest her starters and use her bench for the rest of the game. The reserves continued the blow-out by outscoring Brewster 35-14 during the remainder of the game. Everyone contributed to this win, especially Hannah Sullivan '97 and "Momo" Akade '00 who had 11 and 10 points, respectively. The team forced more turnovers than they made and shot a respectable 38% from the field. This match proved an important warm-up for Saturday's home

game against Tabor because the squad was able to practice working the ball inside.

Tabor Academy

On Saturday, the team hosted a formidable opponent in Tabor Academy. Many people had heralded this match-up as a "big" game, and the girls did not disappoint those who turned out to watch them. PA started the game cautiously, but jumped out to a 11-4 lead.

Tabor called a timeout to catch their breath. In the huddle coach Kennedy emphasized the need to "push the ball." The team made it 15-4 before Tabor began to get back into the game. Although the defense kept their opponents from scoring inside, the Tabor team began to hit their outside shots at the same time that PA's shooting started to falter. As a result, Tabor quickly closed the gap and the two teams went into half-time tied.

After the break, PA came out in a full court press, hoping to force turnovers. Unfortunately, Tabor consistently broke the pressure in the opening minutes and gained the lead for the first time all game. However, with twelve minutes remaining in the game, the defense roared back to life. A big rebound by Laura Jordan '97 led

to Liz Bramwell's '00 basket which gave the squad the lead for good. This play sparked an 11-0 run for PA, during which Tabor went without a field goal for eight minutes. Alicia Dermody '98, who played excellently, hit a number of key jumpers down the stretch. With less than two minutes remaining, Tabor began to foul in an attempt to get back into the game. Lindsay Williams '97 was on the receiving end of three hard fouls, but she stifled any Tabor hopes for victory by calmly draining her six free throws.

Both quality rebounding and smart shot selection were important in turning around the second half. However, it is the defense, which gave up only six points during the final twelve minutes, that deserves the bulk of the credit. On the whole, PA played a well balanced game by working the ball inside and kicking it out when necessary.

In the coming week, the squad will travel to Cushing on Wednesday and host arch-rival Exeter on Saturday at 2 p.m. Both games promise to be challenging, especially the Exeter game. The Exeter squad may be headed to the tournament. In the mean time, captain Steff Hunter '97 feels the team "keeps improving" and she is "very happy with how they are playing."

Girls Win and Win and...

by Andy Butler

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Andover	56
Cushing	22
Andover	56
Exeter	43



By defeating Cushing and Exeter this week, the girls' basketball team extended their winning streak to five games and improved their record to 8-1 on the season. In addition

to pocketing the two victories, the team proved that they can play tough defense.

Cushing

On Wednesday, the squad journeyed to Cushing and soundly defeat-

ed an average basketball team. This was a team win, with everyone managing to contribute. Victory was virtually sealed after the first quarter as PA led 17-3 and turned on the cruise control for the remainder of the game. The squad established a lead with outside shooting, but reinstated its low post game in the second half. Liz Bramwell '00 came off the bench to score 12 points while grabbing 3 rebounds. Lindsay Williams '97 finished with 13 rebounds, eight of which were offensive, and Steff Hunter '97 contributed 15 points as well. After the game, the team's attention turned to their upcoming match with arch-rival Exeter.

Exeter

After destroying Cushing, the team prepared to face the visiting Exies. This game had every indication of being a tough one, but PA took control of the game in the second half and cruised to a thirteen point victory.

Tensions were high as the teams took the court, and everyone was a bit nervous. An atmosphere which translated into a sloppy, turn-over ridden first ten minutes, and resulted in a 8-4 Exeter lead midway through the first half. About the same time, the squad's leading scorer, Hunter '97, was poked in the eye and had to come out of the game. However, the loss of Hunter didn't faze the team one bit, as they battled back to take a 21-18 lead at half-time. Hannah Brooks '97 played an instrumental role in this come back by scoring several big baskets.

At the start of the second half, Hunter signaled her return by burying a quick three pointer. However, Exeter continued to fight back. The score was 38-37 in favor of PA, and the Exies were on the verge of reclaiming the lead when with just under nine minutes remaining, "Momo" Akade '00 looked for an outlet, and finding no one, promptly squared up and nailed a crucial three pointer. From this point on, the defense picked up and only gave



Alicia Dermody '98 controls the ball on the perimeter

Photo / O.Mark

up 5 points down the stretch. With less than two minutes to go, Exeter began to foul. Williams was mauled in an attempted foul that the ref failed to call, and went to the bench. Despite the missed call, PA now had the upper hand, and the Exies, whose spirits were broken, appeared rattled. The PEA coach illustrated this frustration by acquiring two technical fouls and consequently being thrown out of the game. The game ended on an appropriate note, with Hunter hitting a lay-up as the buzzer sounded to make it 56-43.

Rebounding was one of the deciding factors in this game. Williams contributed 10 rebounds, while Claire Coffey '99 grabbed 8 boards. On the whole, the team shot an amazing 55%. They explain that this improved stat comes from the work they have done with Chris Georges '97 on shot selection. Another important aspect of the victory was the strategies that both

teams employed. Exeter worked the ball down low all game and really failed to establish their outside shooting, while PA provided a good balance of inside and outside. This was a "well fought battle" according to Alicia Dermody '98, who finished with 9 points and was overcome with emotion at the end of the game.

This week, the girls take on St. Paul's on Wednesday and have a home game against Tilton Academy on Friday at 4 p.m. They will look to extend their winning streak and take another step towards a tournament bid.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

	Cushing		Exeter	
	Pts.	Reb.	Pts.	Reb.
Brooks	2	1	4	1
Sullivan	4	3	2	4
Braggwell	12	3	0	2
Akade	2	0	3	0
Dermody	4	3	9	1
Salinto	4	2	2	4
Hunter	15	1	26	2
Jordan	5	6	2	3
Williams	4	13	6	10
Coffey	4	5	2	8



The Blue goes up with the jumper

Photo / O.Mark

Steph Hunter '97

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With an altruistic, self-sacrificing attitude and obvious basketball talent, it is no surprise that Steph Hunter '97 has earned Athlete of the Term honors. By leading her team to a 15-3 season and to the championship game, Steph proved an excellent captain. As well as providing guidance for this relatively young team, she stepped up as the leading scorer.

Steph grew up in the small town of Wolfboro, N.H. As a young girl, her parents encouraged her to participate in athletics. The youngest of three children, Steph was increasingly exposed to sports as her brother and sister began to compete. Steph first experienced basketball in second grade when her brother, who now plays for Brandeis, began to play competitively. In just over two years, she joined the local town team and started her career. Steph continued to play basketball in junior high, and upon graduation she decided to matriculate to Brewster Academy. Attending Brewster was the obvious course of action, partly because the school was sort of a family tradition, but mainly because it was the best high school in the area.

In her freshman year, Steph slid right into the role of starting point guard. As a result of a good season, her first high school team was invited to the NEPSAC tournament. Unfortunately, Suffield bumped the squad from the tournament in the quarterfinals. However,

Steph returned to the tourney the next year with a stronger, better team. They were favored to win the championship, but lost to Nobles. About this time, Steph began to feel as though Brewster wasn't challenging her enough. The academics were below her level, and she decided it was time for a new school. Steph looked at Brooks Academy as well as Phillips, but decided that the former was too small for her. The transfer to PA was Steph's judgment call. Although her parents didn't want their last child to leave, they were behind her all the way. They felt that if Steph wanted to do the work, they would support her.

Steph arrived at Andover in 1995 for upper year. Her transition from day student to boarder was eased by the fact that she met a lot of new friends

and the team failed to stay above .500. This year marked the first time in many years that PA had not received a tournament bid. This year, Steph played an essential role in the success of the team. She captained the squad back into the tournament, and helped to restore excellence to the program.

In many ways this year's team has been very special to Steph. The new bunch of players mixed well with the core of returnees. Although it took a little while for the team to understand her work ethic and energy, the squad soon came together under Steph's leadership. Her passionate, intense play served as a model for other players to imitate. This dedication to improvement has been a staple of her career, and is one of the reasons she will continue to succeed in sports.

Looking towards the future, college is just over the horizon for Steph. The choice of which school to attend is important, but Steph has her priorities in order. Although she would like to continue playing sports at the next level, her primary concern is finding a college that is right for her. Currently, her number one choice is Davidson, a small school in North Carolina. Her other top options include George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth,



Photo /J. Mitchell

during the field hockey pre-season. On the whole, the change was not a big one. However, Steph needed to learn how to balance her studies while playing on three varsity teams, all during the challenging upper year. Her first season at PA was sort of a disappointment. Steph was out most of the term,

both in Virginia. These colleges may be far from home, but Steph feels ready to experience the scope of academics and athletics which these schools offer. Where ever she chooses to go, Steph Hunter is destined to thrive because of her amazing intensity and wide range of talent.

Girls Claim Revenge

Hoopsters Avenge Early-Season Loss to NMH, Extending Record to 12-1

by Andy Butler
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	53
BB&N	27
Andover	45
NMH	37



By avenging an early season loss to NMH and dismantling BB&N, the girls' basketball team improved its record to 12-1 and extended its winning streak to nine games. As expected, the match against BB&N was a blowout, while the NMH game was decided in the final minutes.

BB&N

On Wednesday, the team traveled to BB&N to take on a sub-par team. The ensuing game ended in a PA victory as Andover's opponent deteriorated under pressure. BB&N never really had a chance to get in this game.

A potent combination of offense and defense kept the Blue in command throughout this contest. The girls shot an impressive 47% from the field, while holding BB&N to a dismal 24%. PA held a 29-15 lead at the break and didn't let up one bit in the second half, outscoring its opponents 24-12.

Liz Bramwell '00, who has played excellently in the past few games, turned in another superior performance by posting a double-double. In addition to pulling down 14 rebounds, she scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half. Claire Coffey '99 had a solid game, contributing 9 points and 3 rebounds, and Lindsay Williams '97 also pitched in by scoring 6 points and grabbing 9 boards.

NMH

PA hosted a highly skilled NMH team on Saturday in a game which proved to be a thriller. Andover entered the game knowing that it was the underdog, for NMH had already handed the Blue its only loss earlier this season.

In the early going, the two teams traded baskets, but PA was having trouble moving the ball crisply: The squad eventually established a small 14-9 lead with 8:00 remaining in the half. Coffey hit a huge three pointer with three minutes on the clock, which seemed to shift the momentum toward PA. However, NMH responded quickly, sparking a comeback with a matching three. Shortly before the close of the half, NMH gained the lead and went into the break with a 24-21 advantage.

After half-time, PA's trouble with ball movement continued, and NMH appeared set to take command. With 10:40 on the clock, Captain Steff Hunter '97, who was used sparingly in the first half because of injury, checked into the game. With NMH on top 34-27, PA started to chip away at their opponents lead. Coffey and Bramwell led the way down the stretch, each contributing 4 points.. Thanks to this vital scoring, PA trailed.. by only one point 38-37 with 1:35 remaining. At this point the game could have gone either way. PA appeared to have the momentum, but an NMH basket could have put an end to the Blue's comeback. Without waiting for the game to sort itself out,

hands by launching a three pointer. Time seemed to stand still as the shot floated toward the basket, took a couple of bounces, and finally dropped in. The crowd erupted as PA took the lead 40-38. Hunter's shot effectively broke NMH's spirit. After the opposition missed two free throws, Williams threaded a pass through three defenders to Hunter who hit the lay-up and drew a foul. Finally, the victory was sealed when Hunter stole the ball and scored as the buzzer sounded.

Both teams played with a lot of heart, but in the end PA simply wanted the win more. Statistically, the game was very even. In fact, three point percentage was the only category in which the two squads differed. PA shot an astonishing 75% from behind the arc, while NMH only made 20% of its three pointers. The individual efforts were essential to this win. Hunter scored 21 points, and Williams pulled down 16 boards. Coffey had another solid game, chipping in with 9 points and 7 boards.

PA is now the squad to beat in the Prep School League. Although the girls have met a lot of challenges and appear to have a virtual lock on a tournament bid, they still have a number of tests to pass before they can have a

Alicia Dermody '98

"Alicia is a player that has all the tools, she can do everything on the court and I believe the best is yet to come." Coach Karen Kennedy

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As soon as Alicia Dermody '98 saw Phillips Academy's campus, she felt destined to matriculate to the school. Since she arrived as a new lower, Alicia has thrived on the basketball court and the soccer field, as well as in the classroom. She has played a major role in the success of the girls' basketball team this season. On Wednesday, Alicia scored 21 points, while leading Andover to a first round victory over Milton in the NEP-SAC tournament. Her recent performances have exceeded her already stoic play, and have earned her Athlete of the Week honors.

Alicia grew up in the small New England town of Marblehead, Mass. From an early age, she was encouraged to be active in sports. Basketball sparked her interest, and her father, the captain of his high school team, was crucial in the development of her outstanding skills. In sixth grade, Alicia began to play the sport competitively. She joined a church league team, and participated for the next three years. In eighth grade her sports career was threatened.

While playing indoor soccer, she hip-checked an opposing player and ruptured a disc in her back. Her future in sports seemed in jeopardy when a doctor suggested surgery. However, after receiving a second opinion, Alicia chose to wear a plastic brace that extended from her upper rib cage all the way down her back. The brace

hindered her athletic ability as well as cramping her every day lifestyle. When she enrolled at Marblehead High School, Alicia was placed on the freshman team, but succeeded in earning the Best Offensive Player award despite her repercussions from her injury.

Although Alicia flourished at

of leading the team as the point guard, during Steff Hunter's '97 absence. "I hadn't played point before lower year, and it was a quite a change," commented Alicia. Despite her initial nervousness, Alicia stepped up and took the challenge head on. The team's record did not accurately represent it's complete talent, and the squad

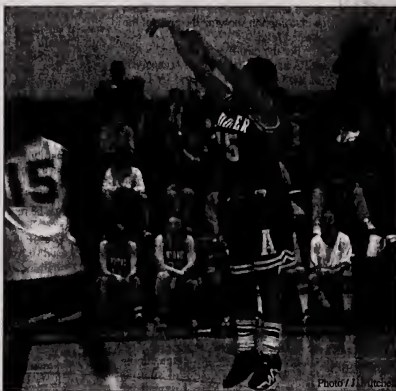
failed to make the tournament. After playing point, her transition back to shooting guard was difficult because she had to redevelop her shot.

With Alicia back at her natural position, the girls' basketball team has been able to surpass all expectations. The new players on the squad have blended in nicely with the core of returnees to form a tight-knit unit. There is no one star on this team, "in every game someone new steps up to give an added boost."

Alicia has found that as an older player on the team, she is required to provide an example of responsi-

bility and leadership. Alicia acceptance of this role is clearly illustrated by the achievements of the team.

As far as the future is concerned, Alicia would like nothing more than to continue to be a leader on the team. She wants to continue both soccer and basketball at the next level, and is currently thinking about staying near her family and attending a small New England college. Without a doubt, Alicia is a vital component of the girls' basketball team, and with her skills she will continue to make headlines.



MHS, the academic curriculum failed to challenge her. Andover provided a opportunity for her to showcase her athletic talents, while allowing her to blossom intellectually. Attending PA had it's pros and cons.

On one hand, she joined both the varsity basketball and soccer teams, and assumed a starting role on each. However, Alicia, an only child, was required to board at PA, an action which took her away from her parents. At first the transition was tough, but the aid of Coach Kennedy and her new found friends helped invaluabley. "Coach Kennedy treated me very well and told me I had the ability to do things I never thought I could do," Alicia stated.

In her first season on the basketball team, Alicia, who normally plays shooting guard, had the difficult task

Girls Survive Tourney Scare

by Andy Butler
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

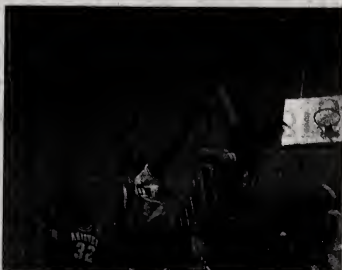
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The girls' basketball team played its first game in the NEPSAC tournament on Wednesday, and succeeded in knocking off sixth ranked Milton Academy in a dramatic overtime. Earlier in the week, the squad faced Exeter and Suffield, two very capable squads, with mixed results. While the girls triumphed over arch-rival Exeter, they lost to powerful Suffield Academy. This defeat put a finish to the team's ten game winning streak, bringing it's overall record 14-2.

Milton

The girls entered the tournament as the third seed, a ranking which meant they would host Milton on Wednesday. Milton presented a tough challenge because they have a strong inside game and two NEPSAC all-stars. At the beginning of the game, PA looked as though it was going to take charge. Alicia Dermody '98 was on a roll from the very start, hitting her first shot on a fadeaway jumper. Despite the team's excellent play, Milton turned it up a notch and started to dominate. However, PA took the lead once again shortly before half-time. In the second half, the squad returned to the court rejuvenated and ready to compete. They led by as many as twelve points, but as the half wore on their play began to falter. With seven minutes on the clock the Blue led 39-30, but a barrage of turnovers allowed Milton to get back in the game. The girl's had considerable trouble breaking the opponent's press, and consequently Milton tied the game at 43 with 2:20 remaining. With the game on the line, the crowd started to chant "defense, defense," and the Blue responded. In the waning moments, Steff Hunter '97 stole the ball under the hoop and hit a key lay-up with two Milton players hanging off her. This left the opposition with seven seconds, but its attempt to beat the buzzer failed to find the mark, so the game went to a four minute overtime period. There was not much scoring in the first two minutes of the overtime, but Milton maneuvered itself into the lead 48-45. With less than two minutes remaining Hunter stepped up, contributing 7 points and several steals down the stretch. Lindsay Williams '97 hit a key jumper with 1:15 on the clock to make it a three point game. After Claire Coffey '99 hit two free-throws, PA accidentally committed a foul with 26 seconds left. However, Milton missed both of these crucial shots, and did not score again. The buzzer sounded as Liz Bramwell '00 held the ball over her head signaling the Blue tremendous first round victory. Dermody and Hunter finished the



Lindsay Williams '97 shoots over the Milton defender

Photo / J. Mitchell

game with 21 and 19 points respectively. Williams pulled down 10 boards, while Coffey played hard chipping in 7 points and 4 rebounds.

Exeter

The team's first test came on Wednesday, when it faced a strong Exeter squad. PEA, which has had a very good year, is considered a contender for the championship. However, PA proved to be the better team in the end, posting a 55-46 victory.

Although the team won by nine points, a comfortable margin of victory, the game was tough. PEA was on top after the first quarter, but PA regained the lead shortly before half time. Both teams employed a well balanced offense, which combined inside and outside shooting. These similar strategies contributed to the even scoring.

Over the next two quarters, both teams relied heavily on one type of shot. PA scored the majority of their baskets on baseline jumpers, while Exeter worked the ball inside to the low post. At first, PEA's tactics seemed to be working better because at the end of the third quarter they had taken back the lead. In the fourth quarter PA's system proved superior. Led by Lindsay Williams '97, captain Steff Hunter, and freshman sensation Liz Bramwell, the Blue outthrust and outplayed Exeter down the stretch. As a result of this improved performance, PA outscored it's opponent 19-8 in the fourth.

On the whole, the team shot well, hitting 40% from field goal range and 100% from behind the three point arc. Hunter almost had a double-double, scoring 18 points and dishing out 9 assists. Williams, Claire Coffey '99 and Bramwell had solid games as well. The team felt good about this win, and was ready to take on Suffield Academy.

Suffield

On Saturday the girls played their biggest game of the season against Suffield. With the opposition ranked number one, the team was braced for a challenge. The squad hoped that it could cause some trouble and possibly win the game. However, Meaghan Leahy, the Suffield center, dashed these hopes by dominating on both

ends of the floor. From the very start Leahy took charge, scoring the first seven Suffield baskets. PA looked ready to pack it in, and were losing 25-5 with about seven minutes remaining. However, Alicia Dermody '98 slashed through the lane with 6:30 on the clock, and laid the ball home with a finger-roll. This play sparked a small comeback, and on the next play down the floor Momo Akade '00 pulled a nice spin move in the lane that made the crowd go wild. Suffield quickly regained its composure and the momentum shifted away from PA. When the buzzer sounded, the Blue was down 38-19, mostly because of Leahy's 24 points.

Half-time provided a chance to regroup and the team took the court in the second with new vigor. While Suffield continued to push the ball inside, PA elected to forget the inside game altogether and shoot jumpers instead. Apparently this strategy worked because the teams played evenly and tied 19-19 in the second half. Nevertheless, the first half lead that Suffield had established proved insurmountable.

The fact of the matter is that Suffield shot much better than PA. The Blue managed a poor 29% from the floor, while SA hit 45% of its shots. However, the real reason behind this lopsided shooting is Leahy. The Suffield center worked the low post and made the high percentage shots, while PA chose to take long jumpers. To win in basketball, a team must have some kind of inside game or incredible outside shooting. Especially with a player like Leahy, penetration is important because it forces her to foul. PA did a little of this, but only managed to draw two fouls on her. Andover will have to learn from this experience, for the two teams will surely meet again.

On Friday, the girls will play the number two seeded Thayer Academy. This game promises to be tough, but if they win, the championship awaits.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

Player	Pts.	Rebs	Ass.	Sts.
Brooks	3	2	0	2
Sullivan	2	4	2	1
Williams	2	1	0	2
Akade	0	10	2	2
Dermody	21	5	2	2
Silano	0	4	0	1
Hunter	19	4	4	6
Jordan	0	3	0	1
Bramwell	2	7	1	0
Coffey	7	4	1	1

Girls Bow Out of Finals

by Andy Butler
HILLMAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

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After pulling out a close win over second seeded Thayer Academy, the girls' basketball team fell just short in the championship game against Suffield

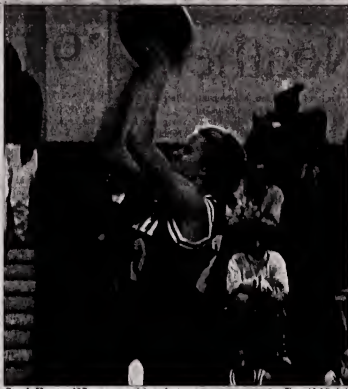
Academy. While Thayer couldn't muster the heart to overcome Andover's fourth quarter push, Suffield managed to beat the Blue, winning the NEPSAC championship in the process. The squad finished the season with an impressive 15-3 record, with a solid outlook on next season.

Thayer

PA traveled to Thayer on Friday for their semi-final game of the NEPSAC tournament. Having survived an early round scare from Milton Academy on Wednesday, Andover was slightly humble coming into the match. In contrast, second seeded Thayer appeared blatantly overconfident. The girls had to play from their hearts to notch this tightly fought victory. In the first half the team appeared hesitant, but held their own as the game progressed. The squad consistently worked the ball inside; However, PA balanced this low post attack with tremendous outside shooting. The two teams entered halftime tied at 32. The second half proved that PA wanted the win more than their opponents. Thayer had the lead going in to the fourth quarter, but Andover stormed back. Both teams opted to bang the ball inside down the stretch, where the Blue was able to outscore Thayer 18-13 during the fourth, for the victory. The seniors, for whom a loss would have meant the end of their PA career, stepped up and played with fortitude. Captain Steph Hunter, '97 scored 29 points, 15 of which came on three pointers, as well as contributing 5 assists. Sophomore Claire Coffey '99 had 12 points and 5 rebounds, while Lindsay Williams '97 chipped in 5 points and 5 boards. After a brief celebration, the team began to prepare for a re-match with undefeated Suffield.

Suffield

On Sunday, Andover took part in the championship game of the NEPSAC



Steph Hunter '97 goes up with a shot against Thayer

Photo: J. Mitchell

SAC tournament. The game, which was held at St. Marks, pitted the Blue against Suffield Academy, a team which had blown PA away earlier in the season. The girls felt confident that they had learned from their mistakes and were ready to make some noise. Suffield anticipated another huge win, and didn't expect to be challenged. After a slow start, Andover seemed doomed to repeat history. However, the girls recovered, going basket for basket with Suffield in the second quarter. Captain Hunter was on fire, draining three shots from behind the arc during the run. Despite it's small comeback, the team was still down by 9 points at the half. The girls were still hesitant to bring the ball inside, but they were forced to change their strategy in the second half. After a few words from Coach Karen Kennedy, the team took the court in the third quarter and thoroughly outplayed Suffield. However, in the end, the better team won. Despite an outbreak of tenacious defense on the part of Andover, Suffield hit 90% of its free-throws on the way to victory. In the previous loss, Suffield's center, Meghan Leahy '97, dominated inside. This time, PA's defense managed to control Leahy, limiting her to 8 field goals. However, Leahy killed all hopes

of a comeback by knocking down almost all of her free-throws down the stretch. Andover's plan to penetrate and get Leahy in foul trouble worked well, as she fouled out with 1:39 left in the game. On a brighter note, Hunter had another amazing game, scoring 24 and pulling down 7 boards. Laura Jordan '97 contributed 12 rebounds, while Williams had 11 points. On the whole, the team showed a lot of spirit in this game, but unfortunately came up short.

Despite narrowly missing the championship, this season has been a roaring success for the girls' basketball team. The squad won several memorable victories, and soundly beat Exeter both times they played. As far as the future is concerned, the girls should be very competitive next year. Although the team will graduate five seniors, a core group of underclassmen will return to provide leadership next season. Luckily for next year's crop of new players, Kennedy will once again take the reins next season.

Amelia Stoj '98 summed up the season, saying, "It was really a great bunch of girls, and our progress was reflective of our talent. We really grew together, and I'm happy despite our last loss."

Girls Reach Tourney Finals

After Sub-Par Seasons in '95 and '96, the Big Blue Delighted the Andover Faithful with a 15-3 Record

by Axley Butler

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



The 1997 season marked the return to excellence of the girls' varsity basketball team. After winning three straight championships in the early nineties, the squad was forced from the top of the mountain, from scratch. Even before PA advanced to the game, it was obvious that the Big Blue was going to be a force to be reckoned with. Coaches Karen Kennedy and Edwards did a great job in putting together this team.

By mixing a core group of returning stars with a talented bunch of newcomers, the coaches created a squad with the skills and grit to win it all.

In pre-season the squad fared decently, winning the majority of its match-ups, but with the coaches trying to get the rotation and starting five in order, the team struggled in a few games.

However, when the regular season arrived, the girls put on their game faces and went to work. The team ripped off three straight victories, beating Loomis-Chaffee, New Hampton, and the Naval Academy Prep School. This streak was an early indication that the girls were not in for a repeat of their disappointing 1995 and 1996 seasons.

Uncommonly, this streak ended by a strong fourth round game, as FA was routed by a strong NMH squad.

Although the NMH team was good, PA's loss can be mainly attributed to the Blue's poor shooting night.

The girls returned to form in their next outing, showing pride and a return to the loss they had suffered in their previous season. They then went on to a ten game winning streak over powerhouses such as Cushing, Vintages over Powerhouses such as Cushing, Vintages and Exeter.

However, the game that really made this streak sweet was the rematch with NMH. The squad had won their last eight, when NMH came to play at PA. Already in a going their girls extended their winning streak to eight, and the loss of the season with an eight point win.

Despite this big win, the team had the future on it's mind. With the tournament looming big on the horizon, the squad still had the two biggest games of the season to play.

Scheduled to play Exeter away and then host Suffield, the girls could not concern themselves with the tourney yet.

In the second to last game of the season, PA triumphed over the Red on the road. Winning by nine points, the Blue showed they had the skills to make the tournament. However, the team quickly lost it's swagger as powerful Suffield handed it a nineteen point loss. This defeat was crucial to the rest of the season.

Although it disrupted the girls' momentum, it also provided them with a wake up call. Determined to reclaim their form, the girls entered the post-season hungry.

Milton Academy became the first PA victory. The Blue came into the NEPSAC tournament as the third seed. NMH provided an exciting first round match, as the Blue took the overtime before losing by six.

Alicia Dermody '98 played her best game of the year, scoring 21 points and leading the team to victory. Unfortunately, PA committed an excessive number of turnovers in the fourth that let Milton back into the game, but despite this momentary loss of concentration, the girls advanced to the next round.

In the second game of the tournament, the team scheduled to face Thayer Academy on the road. Having survived the early round scare from Milton, Andover was slightly humbled coming into the semi-final game.

In contrast, Thayer appeared blatantly overconfident. The Andover girls played their hearts out, and in the end, they triumphed. Tied at half-time, the squad overcame a third quarter deficit for the win. Captain Steph Hunter '97 scored 25 points, 15 on three pointers, to guide the team to a spot in the championship.

With the whole season behind them, there was only one team that stood between the girls and the championship: Suffield. The previous game between these two powerhouses was a blowout, with Suffield winning by nineteen.

However, PA felt that it had the guts to pull this game out, having learned a great deal from its first meeting. The two teams traveled to a neutral site to decide who would take home the championship. The opponent's mood looked as though history would repeat itself.

However, PA remained calm and pulled to within 3 points. Despite this amazing comeback, the squad eventually fell to Suffield, as their opponents hit nearly every free-throw to seal the game.

Although they did not bring home the championship, the girls returned to the forefront of New England basketball. Their accomplishments this season are outstanding compared to those of the past few years.

This squad was never to be beaten again, but it came very close to taking home the crown.

The main reason PA enjoyed such success this season was the sheer depth of the team. Each night someone new would step up and score points to help the squad.

While Hunter usually led in the point category, a number of others had big games during the season. Dermody, Liz Bramwell '90, and Mondo Akate '90 often stepped up to drain crucial shots. In 1996 and 1997, the Andover girls consistently pulled out wins that advanced them to the championship. Laura Jordan '97 and Hannah Brooks '97, on the defensive end, were often called upon to shut down opposing players.

Overall, this team had many versatile members, but the key was the ability of these girls to adapt to the game situation. This squad knew how to win by using both talent and brains.

With the past season in the books, the team's focus shifts to the future. Next year, the girls will be very competitive yet again. Although the team will graduate five seniors, a core group of underclassmen will return to provide leadership next season.

With the addition of a few key players, this team could be ready to go all the way. Dermody will assume the position of captain, a role that will require dedication and leadership if the team is to achieve it's ultimate goal of a championship.

No matter what happens next year, girls' basketball has provided the pleasure at PA. This sport will be enticing for years to come.



Athlete of the Year Steph Hunter's lefty drive ultimately garnered her 2 of her game high 26 points.

Photo / J. Mitchell

"Our season, our success, and our team can all be summed up in a single word: unbelievable."

-Alicia Dermody '98

1997 SEASON BREAKDOWN

Date	Opponent	Result
12/17	Choate	W 71-16
12/20	Harvard JV	L 48-73
12/27	Loomis	W 51-44
1/9	New Hamp.	W 57-40
1/11	Naps	W 53-31
1/15	NMH	L 40-55
1/18	Tufts JV	W 50-49
1/22	Brewster	W 62-21
1/25	Tabor	W 52-36
1/29	Cushing	W 56-22
2/1	Exeter	W 56-43
2/5	St. Paul's	W 53-50
2/8	Tilton	W 53-23
2/12	BB&N	W 53-27
2/15	NMH	W 45-37
2/19	Exeter	W 55-46
2/24	Milton	W 56-50
2/25	Suffield	L 38-57

"This was a really good year, and I'm glad that I got a chance to know all the girls and Coach Kennedy."

-Steph Hunter '97

SPORT: Boys Varsity Hockey

YEAR: 1996-1997

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ASSISTANT COACHES: Peter Grogan

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Berard, Greg W.
Bonczar, Elizabeth M. K. (M)
Boynton, John S., Jr.
Constantine, David N.
Coughlin, M. H.
Crowley, Richard S.
Doyle, Ethan E.
Farson, Brett D.
Ghaffari, Ali H.
Heilmann, Niels H. (C)
Jaros, Robert G.
Kearins, William J., IV
Knowles, James B., III
Murphy, Michael W.
Rieser, Nicholas A.
Sinex, Jonathan E.
Tracy, Timothy H.
Turner, Michael P., Jr.
Waldstein, David E.
Warrington, Christian W.

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WINNERS

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Niels Heilmann 36 Copper Beach Rd. Greenwich, CT 06830	5' 11"	185	97	Forward
Rick Crowley 36 Suffolk Way Lincoln, RI 02865	6' 0"	175	97	Forward
Ethan Doyle 13 Norman St. Marblehead, MA 01945	5' 11"	185	97	Forward
David Constantine 5 Hidden Rd. Andover, MA 01810	6' 0"	170	97	Forward
Andrew Beasley 03 North Street Woburn, MA 01876	6' 0"	168	98	Forward
Bill Kearins 5 Apache Ave. Andover, MA 01810	5' 10"	145	97	Forward / Defense
Jonathan Sirox 04 Elmhurst Road Baltimore, MD 21210	5' 8"	165	00	Forward
Mike Murphy 15 Belknap Drive Andover, MA 01810	5' 6"	135	00	Forward
Tim Tracy 12 Lakeshore Drive Crosse Point Farms, MI 48228	6' 0"	190	97	Defense
David Woldstein 16 Frankland Road Framingham, MA 01721	6' 1"	205	97	Defense
Halsey Coughlin 21 Longmeadow Road Lincoln, MA 01773	6' 1"	175	99	Forward
Mike Turner 125 Sycamore Road Melrose, MA 02176	5' 10"	150	00	Defense
John Boynton 228 East 67th Street New York, NY 10021	6' 0"	190	97	Defense
Ali Ghaffari 12A Frederick Road Essex Junction, VT 05452	5' 7"	155	98	Forward
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97

Goalie

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98

Goalie

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DATE OF CONTEST: 11/23/96

OPPONENT: Canterbury

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

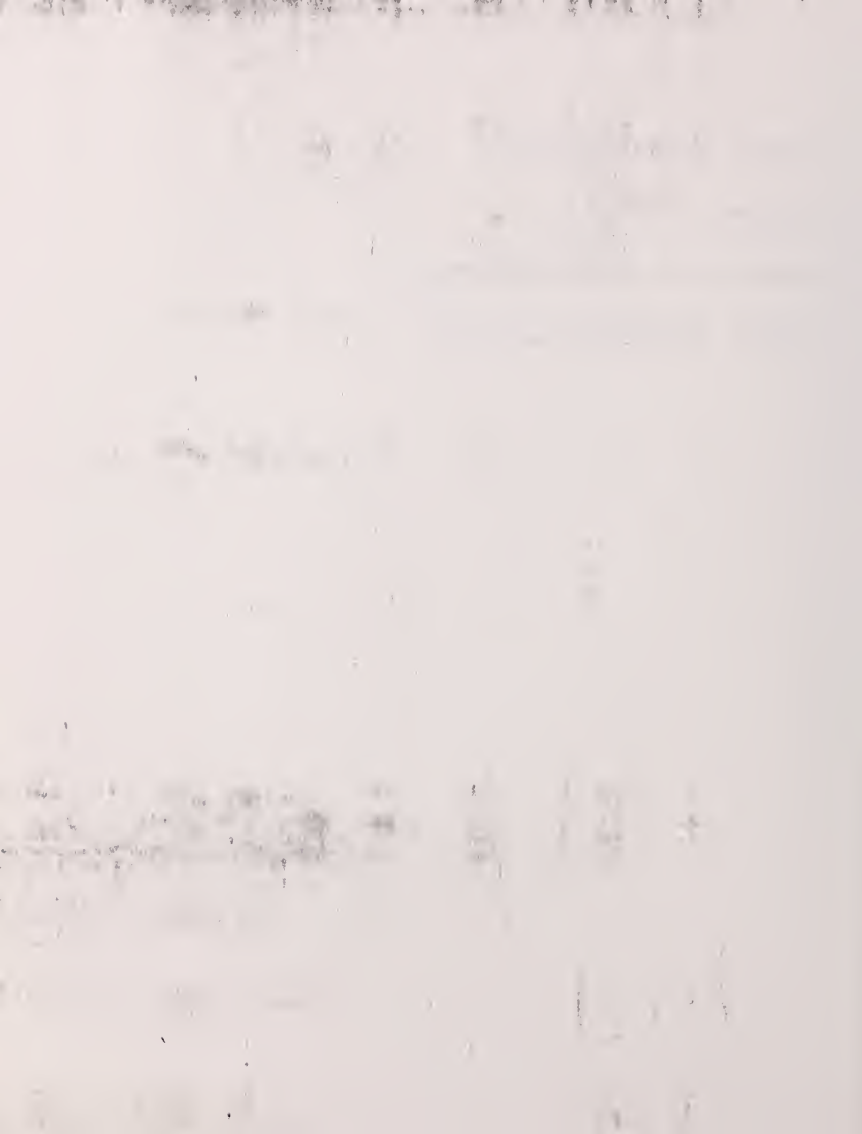
RESULT: Canterbury - 3, P.A. - 0

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/7/96

OPPONENT: St. Mark's

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 5, St. Mark's - 3



DATE OF CONTEST: 12/14/96

OPPONENT: Harvard

WHERE PLAYED: Harvard

RESULT: P.A. - 7, Harvard - 4

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/15/96

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor

RESULT: Tabor-2, P.A. - 1

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/16/96

OPPONENT: Milton

WHERE PLAYED: Milton

RESULT: P.A. - 2, Milton - 1 OT

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/17/96

OPPONENT: Tilton

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 9, Tilton - 3

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/20/96

OPPONENT: Milton

WHERE PLAYED: Nobles

RESULT: Milton - 5, P.A. - 3

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/21/96

OPPONENT: Salisbury

WHERE PLAYED: Milton

RESULT: P.A. - 4, Salisbury - 3

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/21/96

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Milton

RESULT: Deerfield - 3, P.A. - 1

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/22/96

OPPONENT: K.U.A.

WHERE PLAYED: Milton

RESULT: P.A.-2, K.U.A.-1

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/9/97

OPPONENT: St. John's

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 8, St. John's - 1

Andover St. John's Prep



BOYS' HOCKEY

The accomplishments of last season's Andover hockey team will not be easily matched, but this year's team is confident that they are a

group of players that will once again challenge the elite teams in New England. With the combination of a core group of returnees, and a mix of talented newcomers, Andover is expected to remain one of the contenders for the 1997 title. Last year's unprecedented run to the New England prep school championship game was an amazing achievement for coach Chris Gurry during his long tenure at Andover, and this season's team has high hopes of returning their coach to the top.

While the paths across the Andover campus were eerily uninhabited, and the classrooms deserted, the boys' hockey team was hard at work improving on their 7-4 record. The players are just beginning to really get to know each other and "gel as a team," new upper Andrew Beasley reports. The team is truly working well together as the most challenging part of their schedule approaches.

St. John's

The Andover Hockey team returned from their three week layoff to what many called a "warm-up" game for their

important showdown with rival Exeter. It took the opening minutes of the game to shake away the bugs, but before St. John's could blink, Andover was back to their old form. John Boyton '97 opened the scoring early in the first period, and Andover never looked back, en route to a 8-1 thrashing. Cornell bound Niels Heilman '97 added a hat trick for the Big Blue, and goal tender Greg Berard '98 compiled another strong performance between the pipes. "With Greg in the net, you know there never will be a let down," commented Beasley after the win.

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/1/97

OPPONENT! Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT! P.A.-6, Exeter-3

BOYS THRASH EXETER

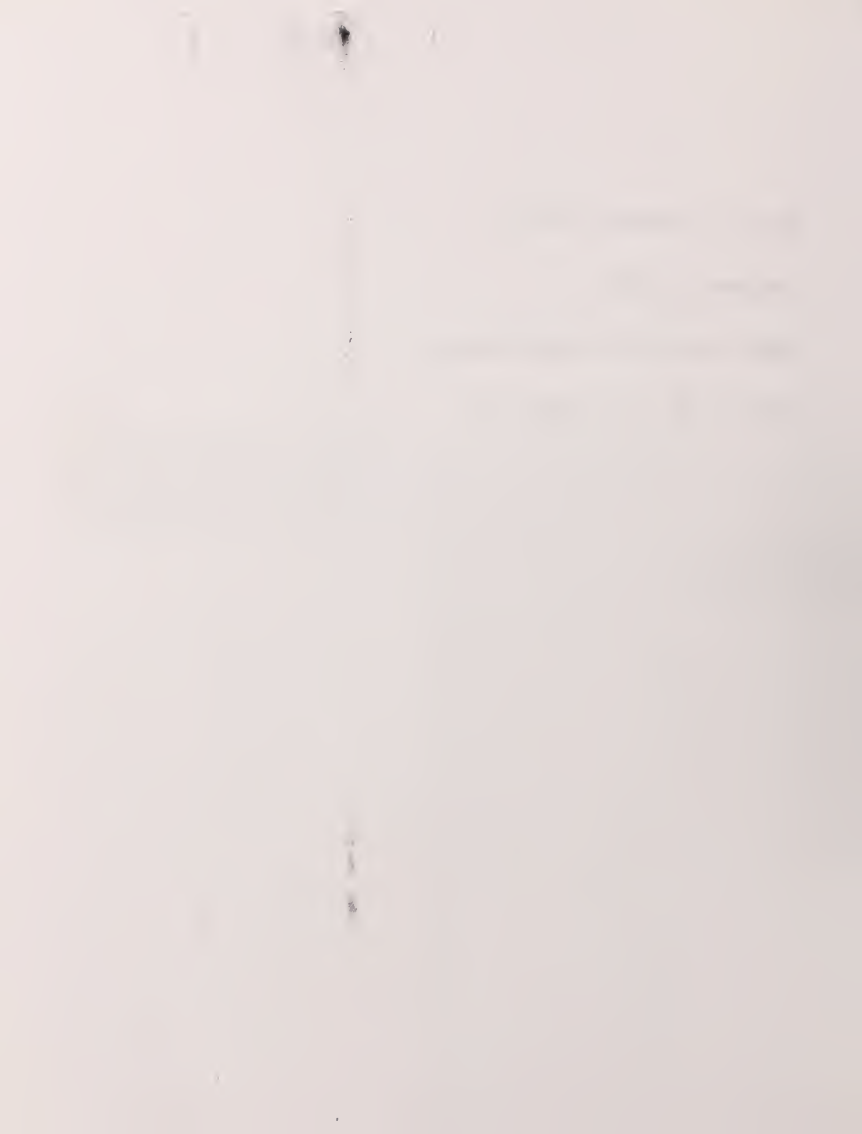
Exeter

Exeter traveled to Andover for an odd mid-season match-up that was the first meeting between the two rivals in almost two seasons. Exeter came in with a perfect undefeated record, and a mass of talented recruits. This would be the game that Andover could use to compare themselves to the top teams in their league.

Instead of the high flying Andover offense, it was the rock solid defense that provided the backbone throughout the opening period. Seniors Chris Warrington '97, Tim Tracy '97, and Boyton held the high powered Exeter offense in line, and gave them few, if any quality scoring opportunities through the first fifteen minutes.

Heilman put Andover on the scoreboard with the first of three goals on the night, while Nick Rieser '97 in the pipes, put forth his best performance of the young season. Rieser made a combination of key saves late in the middle period to keep Andover on top.

Exeter kept the game close throughout, and it was not until mid-way through the final period that Andover took control. With Exeter trailing by two, the



DATE OF CONTEST: 11/5/97

OPPONENT: Berwick Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. -2, Berwick -1 OT

Andover 2
Berwick Academy 1

The Andover boys' hockey has found that a familiar trend has unwantedly poked its head back through the ice in the 1997 season. While Andover

has had little trouble preparing for its games against many of New England's hockey powerhouses, there have been numerous occasions during the past season and a half when Andover has had its problems getting ready to play mediocre opponents. After last Saturday's convincing thumping of previously undefeated Exeter, PA played host to a less formidable opponent in Berwick Academy.

Expected to be nothing more than a walkover for Andover, Berwick instead took Andover to overtime. Andover would eventually need an amazing goal by Chris Warrington '97 to slip away with the victory. The hockey team was coming off a momentous victory over rival Exeter, and may have been looking a week ahead to their showdown at Lawrence Academy. Whatever the case, the boys experienced a significant letdown against Berwick. "We definitely came out flat, but this team showed great poise and determination to come away with the win," commented Tim Tracy '97 after the game. PA did jump on top with a goal early in the opening period, but the Berwick goalie shut down the Andover offensive attack for the remainder of regulation, needing to make more than 40 saves to keep the game close.

Poor officiating as well did not help Andover's cause against Berwick. PA found themselves short handed most of the game, continuously having to kill off numerous penalties. During the final minutes of the game, with Andover holding on to a slim 1-0 lead, John Boyton '97 was assessed a penalty that was vigorously argued by captain Niels Heilmann '97. On the ensuing face-off, Heilmann bumped his opposing wing as the puck was being dropped. The same referee that had just made the call on Boyton gave Heilmann a penalty for checking from behind, in addition to a game misconduct. With this compilation of penalties, the captain was ejected from the remainder of this game, and would have to sit out the next game against Nobles. (The following day, the referee in question did revoke the suspension, enabling Heilmann to play against Nobles). The penalty awarded Nobles a two man advantage for the remainder of regulation, and they pulled their goalie for a 6-3 advantage. With the three extra skaters, Berwick was able to score with four seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. In overtime, Andover also found itself shorthanded, but midway through Warrington stepped up from his position at the point and fired a shot that the goalie stuck away. The rebound, however, returned to Warrington, who somehow found a hole from ten feet out to give Andover the 2-1 win.

DATE OF CONTEST! 11/18/97

OPPONENT! Noble + Greenough

WHERE PLAYED! Phillips Academy

RESULT! P.A. - 3, Nobles - 1

After pulling out the win against Berwick, Andover hosted the last of four consecutive home games against a stingy Noble & Greenough club. Andover knew that they could not afford to come out flat like they had on Wednesday. "We knew they had won some big games and that they were a good team, but we went out

there and just out hit and out hustled them," said Andrew Beasley '98. Nick Rieser '97 was given the start in goal, and made a combination of amazing saves to help preserve the win. Andover jumped on top early, never relinquishing their pressure on the way to a 3-1 victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/22/97

OPPONENT: Lawrence Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Lawrence Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 7, Lawrence - 3

Andover traveled down to Lawrence Academy for a meeting with one of the top rated teams in New England. Andover knew they would have their hands full, but they were confident that a win was not out of their reach.

PA jumped right on Lawrence Academy with their classic fore-checking system that kept the puck pinned in the Lawrence end for much of the opening period. Andover jumped into the lead early with a goal from Ethan Doyle '97. PA continued to apply pressure on the Lawrence defense, creating numerous turnovers and offensive chances. Warrington capitalized on one of those chances, when Beasley stole a Lawrence pass and fed Warrington, who put it in to give Andover a 2-0 lead. Lawrence Academy did bounce back with a goal to cut the PA lead to a single goal after the opening fifteen minutes.

Lawrence came out on fire to start the second period, tying the game at two, but after that the PA offense took over and opened the game up. Heilmann scored the first of two goals less than a minute.

Heilmann scored his second of the game, the eventual game-winner, just four minutes later to put PA up 4-2. Lawrence did manage a run late in the game. With Andover ahead 5-3, and less than two minutes remaining, Lawrence decided to make the risky move of pulling their goalie for the extra attacker. Doyle made them pay when he received a feed from Beasley, and created a break-away opportunity. With the Lawrence goalie back into the game in the final minute, Dave Constantine '97 added the seventh and final Andover goal to seal a remarkable upset of one of the league's top teams.

Andover continues to rise up for every challenge laid in front of them, and the Lawrence match-up was no exception. Even the Lawrence players admitted after the game that they were beaten by a better hockey team, one even superior to last season's champion Cushing Academy, who Andover will face in the coming weeks. This game was a tremendous step forward for the PA hockey team in their quest to equal, and surpass last season's memorable run to the New England Cham-

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/25/97

OPPONENT: Loomis-Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A.-3, Loomis-2

of PA.


With hard work and determination over the past two seasons, Andover has catapulted into the top tier of teams within the New England region, but is has been the second tier teams who have caused PA the greatest problems this season. Loomis was another team cast into that category, and once again proved to be an experienced team that just wouldn't go away. Unlike the Lawrence game in which Andover put the play to their opponents, Loomis jumped on PA first. The visitors notched an early goal that gave them a quick 1-0 lead, and continued to apply pressure inside the Andover zone. "After dropping behind 1-0 we really stuck to our game plan and showed great poise," commented Tim Tracy '97. Not only did they show poise, but the Andover offense woke up in the form of senior Niels Heilmann. Heilmann scored two goals less than a minute apart to propel Andover into a 2-1 lead.

Loomis continued to work hard, and created numerous scoring opportunities, each of which goaltender Nick Rieser '97 was up to the challenge on. John Boynton '97 added a third Andover goal with a booming slap

shot from the point, and gave PA a commanding 3-1 lead. Loomis came right back with a quick goal, and narrowed the Andover lead to one heading into the final period.

As all good teams will do, Andover was given a stroke of luck

early during the third period. A Loomis forward broke through the Andover defense, and went in alone on Rieser. The forward made a fake and put the puck upstairs, and it appeared to have gotten under the crossbar. The Loomis bench, and most of the fans in attendance agreed, but the referee waved it off saying that the puck had never crossed the goal line. Andover went on to dominate the remaining twelve minutes, and coasted easily to a 3-2 win.



The Andover boys' ice hockey team made a statement last week with its surprising upset of top ranked Lawrence Academy. The question was, would they

be able to back up that statement in the coming week in their important matchups against Loomis-Chaffee and powerhouse Deerfield Academy? Once again, PA had difficulty in dispensing with a feisty Loomis squad that played tight with Andover for three full periods. After the Loomis victory, which was the seventh in a row for Andover, Deerfield Academy made a calling to Summer Smith Hockey Rink, in a game that featured two top teams both fighting for a post season berth. Deerfield came out flying and made it look easy with a convincing 6-1 thrashing

DATE OF CONTEST: 11/29/97

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: Deerfield -6, P.A. -1

Hockey Lets Deerfield Slip Through

Deerfield
Andover

Andover approached the Deerfield game riding the wave of their seven game winning streak. Their last defeat coming in early December at the hands of the very same Deerfield squad. Deerfield too was on a streak, a three game losing streak in which they were now desperate for a win. "We need this game bad to get back onto the right track," said Deerfield defenseman Aaron Kim '99. Their determination showed as the Big Green attack jumped right on Andover from the start, and never let up.

By no means was this one of Andover's better performances, and Deerfield took advantage of PA's lack of intensity from the start. The entire first period was played inside the Andover zone, and the PA offensive attack was non-existent. "They weren't a better team, but we didn't come out to play and they did," reported Andrew Beasley '98 after the tough loss.

While we have heard a great deal about the success of many of Andover's young players this season, it was Deerfield's freshman star that received most of the attention. Tyler Kolarik '00 notched a hat trick in the game, the third he swiped out of mid air on his backhand and beat Berard to

his stick side.

Midway through the opening period Deerfield possessed a commanding 2-0 lead, when Andover was awarded with a full minute and a half two man advantage that would allow them to get back into the game. Nearing the end of the power play Andover had not registered a shot on net during the advantage, so Chris Warrington '97 received the puck at the point and decided to step up and let a shot rip. Warrington's blast was never seen by the goalie, and beat him high over his shoulder. The goal brought PA within a single goal, and shifted the momentum to the Andover side. The period ended with PA trailing 2-1, but that would be as close as they would get.

Deerfield started the middle period dominating play just as they had done during the opening fifteen minutes of play. During a five minute stretch they tailed three goals which broke the game wide open, and lifted Deerfield

to a commanding 5-2 lead. Deerfield played excellent defensively, limiting Andover scoring chances throughout the game, and shutting down PA's dominating first line of Ethan Doyle '97, Beasley, and Heilmann. They sat on their lead for the remainder of the game, adding a late short handed goal to finish off the scoring with just over three minutes to play.

Although this was a tough loss for Andover, it in no way will hurt their chances for a post season berth. They will need to bounce back on Saturday against another less talented opponent in BB&N, then a tough Kimball Union team will come looking for revenge after a tough early season loss to PA 2-1 during the Flood Mar Tournament. With tough games against Cushing Academy and Belmont Hill in the near future, Andover can not avoid a let down in games they should win. With a strong end to the regular season, a second straight post season berth will be in Andover's future.

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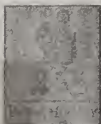
OPPONENT! BB+N

WHERE PLAYED! Phillips Academy

RESULT! P.A. - 3, BB+N - 0

Hockey Shuts Out BB&N

Andover	3
BB&N	0



The boys' hockey team entered the week facing a pair of crucial games after their tough loss to Deerfield last week.

On Saturday, struggling BB&N was severely over-matched by a superior Andover team. PA dominated play from the opening face-off, never affording their opponents a chance in 3-0 victory. On Wednesday, Andover traveled up to KUA, looking to build on a streak and their confidence; PA had previously beaten KUA, 2-1, during the Flood Mar tournament. However, KUA's goaltender dominated the game, making more than 50 saves enroute to a 5-2 upset of Andover.

BB&N

PA pounced on their weaker opponent from the start, using their significant size advantage to control the play. Andover's defensive play allowed BB&N few scoring opportunities. The Athlete of the Week, Nick Rieser '97, was stalwart between the pipes, not allowing single goal. The Big Blue's offensive attack kept the puck pinned in the BB&N zone, finally capitalizing on a goal by Andrew Beasley '98 for a 1-0 lead after one period of play.

Andover went into the second period dominating on defense, but unsatisfied with their slim one goal advantage. Midway through the period Andover found themselves short-handed, as BB&N was awarded a two man advantage. However, in the most crowd-charging play of the game, Captain Niels Heilmann '97 stole the puck from a BB&N defenseman, speed skated around three players, circled around the back of the goalie and flipped it past him. The short-handed goal gave Andover a 2-0 lead and crushed any momentum BB&N had built with their two-man advantage.

PA dominated the rest of the way, with Heilmann adding another goal to extend the Andover lead to three. With the win, PA showed poise in bouncing back from a tough defeat.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/5/97

OPPONENT: K.U.A.

WHERE PLAYED: K.U.A.

RESULT: K.U.A. - 5, P.A. - 2



Kimball Union Academy

Andover made the long journey to Kimball Union Academy for a late season rematch with a club that played them to a tight match earlier in the season. Andover skated faster, passed more accurately, and hit harder, but the KUA goalie made an array of acrobatic saves in single-handedly controlling the game. His superb play coupled with Andover's inability to finish their plays spelled defeat for PA.

From the commencing puck drop, two fluke goals by KUA during the opening five minutes of play set the tone for the night. The 2-0 score in KUA's favor jolted Andover, which was weary from a two and a half hour bus ride. They began to dominate athletically, as the entire first and second periods were played exclusively inside the KUA zone, but no degree of Andover's athleticism was able to beat the KUA goalie. PA took advantage of a power play late during the middle period: the Beasley shot the puck across to Heilmann, who passed it out to the point where Chris Warrington '97 was waiting for an open blast. In a rare occurrence that night, Warrington's slapshot beat the KUA goalie before he could react, and Andover went into the final period dominating play but trailing 2-1 on the scoreboard.

Andover came out with an inspirational offensive attack and kept the puck pinned in the KUA zone for the early part of the third period. With a bouncing puck in front of the KUA net, Rick Crowley '97 took a shot and finally John Sinex '00 made a tip off the rebound to flip it past the goalie. The goal tied the game at two apiece, and it appeared that Andover's continuous offensive barrage had finally taken its toll on the KUA defense. "We had the momentum on our side after we tied the game at two, but then they got a couple of cheap goals from which we couldn't recover," said defenseman Tim Tracy '97 after the tough loss. Kimble Union tailed three unanswered goals during the second half of the third period, the last of which was into an empty net goal.

The loss to Kimble Union is a major setback for Andover. The loss only magnifies the importance of key games against Belmont Hill this Saturday, and Cushing Academy in the coming week. With victories in those key contests PA will be able to reassert themselves as a true force in New England hockey.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/8/97

OPPONENT: Belmont Hill

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: Belmont Hill - 5, P.A. - 1

Tournament Hopes Dwindle

help from other teams if their post season hopes are to become a reality.

Belmont Hill

Last Saturday, Andover hosted a Belmont Hill team that wanted revenge. PA defeated Belmont last season for the first time in more than twenty years. The opening period featured up and down play and each goaltender was heavily tested. Both Dan Lombard '98 for Belmont and Nick Rieser '97 for Andover played excellent first periods keeping the game scoreless.

Andover finished off a late first period power play to begin the middle period, and took advantage of that opportunity. John Boynton '97 finally received an open shot, and beat Lombard for the power play goal, giving PA a 1-0 advantage.

Unfortunately for Andover, that would be the lone bright spot of the afternoon. Belmont bounced back just three minutes later, and capitalized on

a two on one breakaway, to pull themselves even at one goal a piece. On the very next shift a pass from the behind the net hit a skate and trickled past Rieser before he saw it. Belmont was awarded a power play late in the period that could have broken the game open, but the Andover penalty killing, especially Rieser, helped keep the deficit at one.

PA entered the final period trailing by a single goal, and still alive in the contest. Andover's offensive attack vanished for a large part of the third period which kept the puck inside their own zone far too long. During a five minute stretch Belmont broke the game open with three goals to propel themselves into a commanding 5-1 lead, and that is how the game ended.

Belmont Hill Andover



A few weeks ago it seemed certain that the Andover boys' hockey team was on its way to a second straight New England

Tournament birth, but

a late season three game losing streak has left the team on the outside looking in. After a tough loss to Kimble Union Academy last Wednesday, the Big Blue suffered two more defeats this week, one at the hands of Belmont Hill and the other to nemesis Cushing Academy. With the season drawing to an end, Andover will need to sweep its remaining games and get a little added

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/12/97

OPPONENT: Cushing Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Cushing

RESULT: Cushing - 6, P.A. - 0

Cushing Andover

The Belmont Hill defeat gave Andover its first two-game losing streak of the season, but their schedule was not getting any easier. On Wednesday, PA traveled to Cushing Academy for a showdown with the defending New England champs. Going into the game, Andover was looking for an upset like last year's, when Greg Berard '98 made more than fifty saves.

Andover played a strong game, but Cushing was able to expose certain weaknesses in the young squad. "We had a problem backing up our guys all over the ice, and we gave them the puck far too easily," commented an Andover forward after the game.

Cushing jumped right on PA with an early goal for a quick 1-0 lead. Throughout the period, Andover had their opportunities but were unable to put the puck in the net. Berard consistently stopped the first shot he saw, but second opportunities hurt Andover. Cushing exploded for three goals, two of them rebounds, in less than four minutes during the middle period to secure a 4-0 lead.

In the final period Cushing was able to add two additional goals to cap the 6-0 shutout victory, and hand Andover its third consecutive loss.

With this late season losing streak PA has dropped from the elite standing they enjoyed after victories against Exeter and Lawrence. The Blue closes the regular season with three of four games at Summer Smith Hockey Rink, including a final rematch against rival Exeter.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/15/97

OPPONENT: Tabor Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 2, Tabor - 1

Doyle '97 Leads Hockey Past Tabor

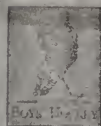
Wolves 2-1. Andover seemed ready for a late season run, but a scrappy New Hampton team stood in their way on Wednesday. PA played a solid game, but fell in the end 3-1. Astonishingly, the teams compiled in excess of twenty penalties.

Tabor

Andover entered the Tabor game with fire in their eyes, in search of its first win in two weeks. After dropping an early season game to Tabor 2-1, PA knew to expect an ugly, scrappy game. The outlook was anything but positive from the opening drop of the puck. A Tabor forward stole the puck in the Andover zone, and beat Nick Rieser '97 in the opening minute for an early 1-0 lead. After that early miscue Andover took control of the game. PA came roaring back less than three minutes later when Ethan Doyle '97 skated over the Tabor blue line, pulled up at the top of the circle, and fired a shot that flew past the Tabor goalie. Andover continued to apply pressure inside the Sea Wolves' zone for much

of the opening period, but the Tabor goalie repeatedly made big saves to keep the game knotted at one entering the middle period.

Tabor continued to keep PA from opening the game up into the more open ice style that it enjoys. Midway through the period the Blue received a power play that gave them the opportunity to capture the lead. After face-off inside the Tabor zone, Chris Warrington '97 moved the puck over to Niels Heilmann '97 at the far circle, and Heilmann blasted a slap-shot that beat the Sea Wolves' goalie high, over his outstretched glove. The goal gave PA the 2-1 lead. The defense stepped up during the final period, and shut down the Tabor attack to preserve the win. "It was a great defensive effort. We picked up our men, and cleared away any rebounds in front of our own net," said Ali Ghafari '98 after the win.



The Andover boys' hockey team has been skating in a fog during the past few weeks. The team entered the week with a three game losing streak, their playoff hopes dwindling further with each defeat. Tabor traveled to Summer Smith Hockey Rink this past Saturday for a late season showdown. Andover, Tabor, and three other clubs all are in the midst of a furious fight for the last few remaining tournament spots. Tabor narrowly defeated PA 2-1 earlier this season, but Andover rose to the challenge Saturday, breaking out of its late season slump, and edging the Sea

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/19/97

OPPONENT: *New Hampton*

WHERE PLAYED: *New Hampton*

RESULT: *New Hampton-3, P.A.-1*

New Hampton
Andover

New Hampton

The Tabor win marked a complete turn around from the three game slide, and put PA back onto the winning track. Wednesday the team traveled to New Hampton for another important match up that would help clear up the crazy playoff situation. New Hampton played a similar style to that of Tabor, and the entire game was marred by penalties. Greg Berard '98 got the start in between the pipes, and played an excellent game, steering away everything New Hampton threw at him during the opening two periods. Both teams had their chances to put the puck in the net, but the goal tending and defensive play was up to the task at both ends.

Andover came running out of the gates to begin the final period, and grabbed ahold of a slim 1-0 advantage. During a goal mouth scramble in front of the New Hampton net, Doyle was able to get a handle of the puck, and roofed it upstairs to beat the New Hampton goalie. Midway through the period penalties came back to haunt PA. New Hampton received a five on three advantage. A New Hampton forward skated the puck out from behind the PA net, and fed a man standing all alone in front of Berard. The forward easily put the puck in the empty net, and tied the game at one apiece.

Just three minutes after New Hampton had tied the game they took the lead for good. A New Hampton player skated out in front of Berard and placed the puck perfectly under Berard's arm on the far side. The goal gave New Hampton a 2-1 lead with only five minutes to go in regulation. Andover was soon forced to pull Berard for the extra attacker, but New Hampton added an empty netter to

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/24/97

OPPONENT: Pingree

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULT: P.A. - 5, Pingree - 1

Boys Skate by Pingree

by Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



The Andover boys' hockey team began the final week of its season with a win, defeating rival Pingree. After Saturday's game was canceled because of balmy weather

conditions, the New England Hockey Tournament seeds were announced, and PA was left on the outside looking in.

Pingree traveled to Andover on Monday for the annual cross-town match up. Pingree entered the game with a near perfect 17-1-0 record in Division II play. In the final home game for many Andover seniors, a win to end the home schedule would be special.

From the opening drop of the puck the game featured a physical tone, set on the first shift by Ethan Doyle '97, who sent a Pingree player flying into the Andover bench. Less than five

minutes into the period, a Pingree forward intercepted an Andover pass and carried the puck in on a three on one break. PA goal tender Nick Rieser '97 stopped the first and second shots, but on the third attempt Pingree was able to muscle the puck past him.

After Pingree jumped out in front, Andover began to apply the pressure inside the Pingree zone. Chris Connolly '97, the Pingree goalie continually came up with big saves during the opening period to keep Andover off the scoreboard. However, late in the period Brett Farson '99 was able find the back of the net after Connolly made an initial save.

In the middle period, Andover began to put some distance between itself and Pingree, as Andrew Beasley '98 and Doyle both tallied goals.

PA ended the game as strong as it began it, notching two goals in the final period to finish off Pingree 5-1. The fifth goal was a special one for captain Heilmann. It would be his final goal at Sumner Smith Hockey Rink, and the final of his illustrious Andover career. The season was an unsatisfying one for the Andover hockey team, which had had such high expectations; however, the team had several high points and underclassmen will doubtless enjoy a successful season next year.

Sports Editorial

Explaining Our Old Rink

Athletics are unquestionably an integral aspect of the vaunted "Andover Experience". In fact, a four volume study on the role of athletics in Phillips Academy history was published in this century. Thus, the athletic facilities are an essential part of the infrastructure of this institution. Surprisingly, Andover has let its facilities deteriorate unchecked. The most startling example of this general decay is the dilapidated Sumner Smith hockey rink, which was constructed more than forty years ago.

The condition of the hockey rink has several adverse effects. Foremost among these is student safety. While Leon Modeste, director of the athletic department, maintained that, "Student safety will not be jeopardized," varsity boys' hockey coach Chris Gurry '66 related several harrowing stories, including one of players with skates on stepping over a live wire. The most recent manifestation of the rink's dangerous potentialities was Saturday's cancellation of all scheduled games, because of the facility's inadequate cooling system.

In addition, Gurry noted that recruiting is becoming increasingly difficult. Andover pales in comparison to rival schools like Exeter, which has two rinks, and Cushing, which boasts a six million dollar complex. Even three schools with rinks currently superior to ours, BB&N, Milton and Tabor, are presently constructing new facilities. In addition, St. Paul's is undertaking major renovations on its current rink which is also of a higher quality. Finally, on a more basic level, the rink's uncomfortable conditions detract from the fans' hockey experience.

All of this would be moot if there did not exist the opportunity to build a new rink. However, the ongoing \$200 million capital campaign presents an excellent opportunity to acquire the funds for the new facility. In the words of Gurry, "[The construction of a new rink] needs to become a priority. I've been here for twenty-three years, and there has been talk about it for twenty-three years." Modeste agreed, "Hockey has waited for a long time...and the program deserves a new rink. I don't know about the financial side, but a rink needs to become a goal." Indeed, Phillips Academy is lucky enough to have an interested and supportive group of alumni; the administration needs to use this tool to its advantage. The rink needs to be built; Phillips Academy's standards of excellence should not be compromised by the state of its athletic facilities.

-Charlie Finch and Dan Sloan

Niels Heilmann '97

by Jason Gimbel
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

During the past three seasons, the boys' hockey team has seen the emergence of another talented young star. Niels Heilmann '97 only chose Andover after originally being turned away from the varsity squad at rival Deerfield Academy. Since that set back more than four years ago, Niels has become the nucleus of a competitive Phillips squad, which fell one win short of a New England Championship last season. Heilmann led Andover to its second straight winning season this past winter, which included big wins against Lawrence Academy and rival Exeter. Although the team fell inches short of returning to the post season for a second straight year, it was a successful season for Niels and the team, one on which Niels hopes to build on, as he brings his game to another level at Cornell University next fall.

At age five, Niels began his illustrious hockey career in Greenwich, Connecticut. The following year the Heilmann family moved across the boarder, into Toronto, Ontario, where Niels truly became serious about the sport. After five years in Canada, Niels' family moved back to Greenwich, and with the aid of his older brother Niels began his rise to the top at Greenwich High School. After his freshman year at Greenwich



High, Niels left his family for prestigious Deerfield Academy, and an opportunity to play in the top high school league in the country. "Greenwich public school hockey is not extremely competitive, and if you want to play in college there is no way to be seen or to improve playing there," commented Niels on his decision to attend Deerfield. At Deerfield, Niels was surprisingly left off the varsity squad because of an enormous group of incoming recruits. Niels then turned to Andover which he believed offered him better opportunities, as well as a greater chance to distinguish himself

on and off the ice.

Niels began his opening season at PA on the fourth line, receiving little playing time during the first few weeks of the season. But when Ben Barnett '96 moved back to defense, and the team was struck with a slew of injuries, Niels was given his opportunity to showcase his talents on the third line. Niels compiled a twenty-one point season in his opening year, a season he would use to build on for the future.

Last season's squad gained an important year of experience, and they used that advantage to catapult themselves into the most successful season at Andover since the installment of the post-season tournament. "My first year we weren't really a team, but last year we did everything together. We were really one single unit, we all knew our individual roles, and it showed on the ice," stated Niels. Heilmann also admitted that last season's squad may not have been as talented as the previous years, but the team got hot during the final month of the season, which included an upset of top ranked Cushing Academy 2-1. The Big Blue flew into the post-season on a tremendous role, and proceeded in ousting Thayer and Canterbury, before bowing out to Cushing in the championship game. "At the time I was extremely disappointed, but looking back on it we unquestionably lost to a better team. Just making it to the finals, and defeating teams we hadn't beaten in decades was an accomplishment all in itself," reflected Heilmann.

Entering this past season Andover was looking at a totally revamped squad. After going through a season with only a single underclassman, PA found itself very young, inexperienced, and small, with considerably less depth on the roster. "Going into the season I really had no idea how good we would be," Niels admitted. Andover jumped out to another fast start this season, with Heilmann as their new captain leading the way. PA put together a long seven game winning streak which included wins against top rated Lawrence Academy and Exeter, games in which Niels tallied a total of eight points. "Niels has been instrumental in our team's success, both on the ice with his exceptional play, and off the ice with his excellent leadership," commented coach Chris Gurry. As soon as February began the wheels started to fall off, as Andover had considerable trouble preparing for contests against mediocre opponents. Although Heilmann compiled almost identical numbers as in the previous season, late season losses to KUA and Belmont Hill crushed any tournament aspirations.

Despite the mediocre finish, Niels believes that the season was a success, both for the team and individually. The success Niels has achieved here at Andover is heavily credited to coach Chris Gurry. "My dream has been to play division one hockey all my life, and coach Gurry has really opened a lot of doors in terms of helping me fulfill that goal," commented Heilmann. PA came through with a handful of upsets during the past two seasons, and Niels gives full credit for those wins to Gurry, who was able to devise a scheme to defeat a group of more talented teams.

As Niels leaves Andover this spring, he will head to Cornell University where he will attempt to make the climb from the bottom to the top once again. "I just want to get into the lineup on a regular basis, and work my way up the ladder as I did here." According to Gurry, "Niels ranks right up there with some of the best captains that have gone through here during my twenty-two years of coaching. He will definitely be a factor in Division one at Cornell next year." Whether it has been on the ice or in the classroom, Niels has definitely left his mark across the PA campus. On the ice, he has led by example for the past three years, and only in the future will he realize his full potential.



Nick Rieser '97

"I did not realize how much I was giving up by playing hockey at the level that I did. But it was all worth it."

by Paul Pennelli

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Nick Rieser '97, a goalie for the Andover boys' hockey team, committed himself to the game of hockey at the age of five, and is now reaping the fruits of his labor. Hockey requires the total commitment of those who play, and no less. The game will mistreat any that choose to play without a maximum level of effort. This mistreatment is foreign to Rieser, as he has found that the time he puts into the game, is time well spent.

Nick came to Andover by way of Northfield, Illinois, a small suburb located a half an hour's drive from Chicago. This region of the country is very similar to New England: the winters are frigid, the people work hard, and a deeply rooted love for the game of hockey exists among the residents. Rieser laced up a pair of skates for the first time when he was four. His father, a goalie for a 1966 NCAA Final Four team from Brown University, tried unsuccessfully to teach Nick how to skate, even after paying future United States Figure Skating Champion Nicole Bobek five dollars for a lesson. She was six at the time. "None of it worked... I'm a terrible skater."

At his first practice as a member of a competitive hockey team, Rieser was forced to think on his feet. "They asked me at the first practice what position I wanted to play, and I blurted out 'goalie'." From then on, Nick always had a home between the pipes. Calling upon his experience as an NCAA goaltender, Nick's father spent many hours with his young pupil, attempting to convey the nuances of the position. There is no doubt that this man is Rieser's mentor as a goalkeeper.

The beauty of Rieser's rise to prominence is that he has earned every inch of his advancement. Nick has been cut by the same coach on multiple occasions, he has warmed the bench, and he has worked through injuries. Once again, Mr. Rieser provided the means upon which Nick could build during those tough times: "My father never said 'you can't'. He always let me know that I could do great things as long as I kept working." By the time Nick's high school career was about to begin, he was an Illinois state champion, and a National Champion as a member of Team Illinois. His

advances left him fulfilled, but there was still emptiness in his life. Andover proved to be a cure for this feeling. "Part of the reason I came here was to have some kind of a life besides hockey." At prep school, the rink was always within walking distance, and one can study, live, and play hockey with the same group of individuals. Rieser chose Andover over other schools because he values honesty. "Everyone here, especially Coach Gurry, was honest with me. I think I had a good idea of where I stood... the whole place impressed me. You drive by, and the campus is so huge and the buildings feel so old... it real-

He beat them. I have never seen goaltending like that... and I honestly thought before the game that coach was throwing him to the wolves..."

Andover boys' hockey is looking to make the tournament for the second straight year. "Right now the goal is to make the tournament," says Rieser. "You have to take things step by step from there before you can worry about bringing home any hardware." The boys have a great deal of poise and strong senior leadership from the likes of Rieser and captain Neils Heilmann '97. The pain of the Cushing loss in the final still lingers within the chests of the returning players, and the feeling will burn within until that loss is avenged.

Nick's hockey career is far from over once he leaves the begotten confines of Sumner Smith. He will take his pads and head down the Mass. Pike to Amherst College, in Amherst, Massachusetts. "I'm fortunate," admits Nick. "They're giving me the chance to win the starting job as a freshman. There will probably be another freshman who wants the job, but I'm will to duke it out. I don't mind working for it." Nick refers to



ly is impressive."

During his Lower year, Rieser played behind Judd Brackett '95. This only made Nick work harder, in an attempt to win the position. Nick's playing time increased gradually, and by his second year, he was ready to produce positive results on a daily basis. Rieser knew, however, that a new goalie, Greg Berard '98, would be arriving on campus, and this posed as a threat. "I had seen Greg play when we were in the Hockey Night in Boston tournament... I was worried about it at first, but I think it's been a great experience. We push each other, and I think we've made each other better. But we really duked it out in practice at first, like we both had something to prove." Nick got considerably more playing time than Berard, until Greg played in arguably the greatest win in Andover Hockey history. "Berard beat Cushing.

Amherst as the "complete package", the perfect fusion of academics and athletics. "I going to learn and to play hockey. If I wasn't playing I'd probably shoot myself in the head, or something..."

Rieser will not stop working because he loves the game of hockey. He occasionally incorporates hockey into his radio show on WPAA "The Vault" by bringing teammates on the air. He is a student of the game and he can't get enough. "When I was younger," recalls Rieser, "I did not realize how much I was giving up by playing hockey at the level that I did. But it was all worth it." Rieser will take slapshots on the helmet, practice the butterfly after practice, or even watch film, because he knows that he will learn and improve, and it is improvement that he constantly strives for.

Boys Slump After Toppling #1 Lawrence Academy

by Jason Gimbel

PHILIPPIN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



Andover hockey has gone through an impressive turn-around during the past few seasons. Having been locked into the ranks of the good, but not great teams, for many years, the boys' hockey team surpassed all expectations in the '96-'96 season, while advancing to the New England Prep Championship game.

PA defeated clubs that had dominated the Big Blue for decades during its Cinderella run, and reestablished Andover as a force in New England hockey. After the departure of many key players, especially at the point,

Coach Gurry and company looked to repeat the success of the previous season with an especially young squad.

Andover would begin its season with a big challenge, hosting pre-season #3 ranked Canterbury in early December. PA got out of the blocks slow, but played Canterbury tough throughout. Andover ended up dropping the game, but now knew where they had to go in order to regain the confidence lost during a long off-season.

One week later in the annual Flood Mar Tournament PA received their second challenge of the young season when they squared off against Deerfield Academy. Last season PA had defeated Deerfield for the first time in ten years, and it was obvious that DA was out for revenge from the opening face off. Deerfield outplayed Andover up and down

the ice for much of the game, and handed the Big Blue their second loss of the winter.

Andover returned to campus following winter break hovering around the .500 mark. Intense conditioning and practices though would soon produce rewards for PA, as the team went on a month long unbeaten streak. January began with a warm-up for rival Exeter with St. John's. Andover dominated a game for the first time this season, and gained much needed confidence going into the battle with Exeter.

Exeter entered the game with a perfect undefeated record, and a mass of talented recruits, but Andover's defense took control from the start, shutting down the powerful PEA attack. Chris Warrington '97, Tim Tracy '97. And Johnny Boynton '97 all produced big results at the point, while captain

Niels Heilmann '97 took care of the offense with his first hat trick of the year. Nick Rieser '97 made the six PA goals stand up on his way to an impressive win. The win marked the third straight for the Big Blue, who now owned a convincing 9-4 record.

Andover's next game against smaller Berwick Academy was supposed to be a cat walk, but PA needed and amazing overtime goal by Warrington to slip away with the win. PA continued its jorrid streak with a convincing win over Nobles, before heading out to face top ranked Lawrence Academy in their own backyard.

Lawrence was said to be the best club in New England, but it didn't seem like PA had any knowledge of that when they took the ice. Andover jumped right on Lawrence with a quick goal from Ethan Doyle '97, and

Warrington made it 2-0 late in the first. Lawrence did bounce back with a late opening period goal to cut the lead to one, but after a scoreless middle period Andover exploded with five goals, while Greg Berard '98 was a force in goal, shutting down the point Lawrence attack. Andover breezed to a 7-3 trouncing, extending their undefeated streak to six.

PA continued to play superbly, pulling out a close home victory over Loomis-Chaffee, but then the tables turned on the Big Blue, as the team entered a serious slump.

Deerfield traveled to Summer Smith Hockey Rink desperate for a win after dropping three in a row. Deerfield controlled the game from start to finish, out skating and out hitting PA, as they coasted to a 6-1 win. Andover bounced back three days later with an impressive win over a stingy BB&N club, and then traveled to Kimball Union for a must win game.

It looked to be a tough game from the start as Kimble Union got two early fluke goals on Berard. PA from that point on dominated play up and down the ice, but were unable to capitalize on their opportunities. The one bright spot was the Andover power play. They received their only chance late in the opening period, trailing 2-0. After entering the Kimble Union zone, PA worked the puck from Andrew Beasley '98, across to Heilmann, and then out to the point where Warrington was waiting for an open blast. Warrington's blast beat the KUA goalie before he could react, and brought PA within one to 2-1. After Andover made a quick run to pull even on John Sinex's '00 goal, KUA tallied three straight to lock up the game 5-2.

The loss to KUA severely hurt PA's post season hopes, as the Blue's schedule only intensified. Andover fell in their next two contests to Belmont Hill and Cushing Academy, dropping their record to 14-8. PA had been skating in a fog during the past two weeks, and needed a win against a feisty Tabor club. The Seawolves had narrowly defeated Andover earlier in the season 2-1, but PA rose to the challenge, breaking out of their late season slump, and edged Tabor 2-1. The game was tied late in the final period when Andover received a much needed power play. With under five minutes remaining in the game, Beasley won a draw back to Warrington at the left point. Warrington moved the puck over to Heilmann at the far circle, and Heilmann blasted a shot that beat the Seawolves goalie high over his out-stretched glove.

Andover seemed to have solved their problems with an all around superb effort against Tabor, but a scrappy New Hampton club got the best of PA three days later in a 3-1 Andover loss.

With almost all playoff hopes gone, Andover hosted Pingree Academy in the final game of the season at Summer Smith Hockey Rink. It would be the last game for the seniors in an Andover uniform, and the last opportunity to put a positive conclusion on a somewhat disappointing year. PA rose to the challenge, as did Captain Heilmann. In his final game at PA Heilmann tallied a pair of goals while leading Andover to its fifteenth victory of the season.

What is disappointing for the boys' hockey team is that it struggled against the weaker opponents that it should have beaten, while it was consistently able to "get up" for the big games against the top teams in New England.

Coach Gurry will unfortunately see the departure of a large group of seniors, leaving the team in search of underclassmen to step up. Beasley, Sinex, Halsey Coughlin '99, Brett Farson '99, Mike Murphy '00, and Justin Turner '00 are a few of the returnees that will attempt to rebuild PA next winter. The Blue's 15-9 record is more than respectable, but when they realize the talent was there, they will know they let a great opportunity slip away.



Nick Riser '97 and Greg Berard '98 provided a powerful one-two punch in net for the Blue. Here, Berard makes a sprawling save.

Photo by Mike

We had a really young team. Given that, I didn't know what to expect. We could have been great or bad. As it turned out we got a little of both. In all, though, I would call this a great year, especially beating Exeter 6-3 near the end.

-Neils Heilmann '97

1996 SEASON BREAKDOWN		
Date	Opponent	Result
11/28	Canterbury	L 0-3
12/7	St. Mark's	W 5-3
12/14	Harvard JV	W 7-4
12/15	Tabor	W 7-1
12/16	North Andover	W 7-1
12/17	Tilton	W 6-3 (OT)
12/20	Milton	L 3-5
12/21	Salisbury	W 4-3
12/21	Deerfield	L 1-3
12/22	KUJA	W 2-1
1/9	Exeter	W 6-1
1/11	Bedford	W 7-1
1/15	Brookfield	W 3-1 (OT)
1/18	Nobles	W 7-3
1/22	Lawrence	W 3-2
1/25	Loomis	L 1-6
1/29	Deerfield	W 3-0
2/1	BB&N	W 3-0
2/5	KUJA	L 2-5
2/8	Belmont	L 1-5
2/8	Cheshire	L 0-6
2/12	Tabor	W 2-1
2/15	New Hamp.	L 1-3
2/19	Pingree	W 5-1
2/24		

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SPORT: Girls Varsity Ice Hockey

YEAR: 1996-1997

CAPTAIN: Mary Barenfeld
HOME ADDRESS:

Anne Platt

MANAGER: Camille Manning
HOME ADDRESS:

Dick Risteen

COACH: Kartha Fenton

ASSISTANT COACHES: Chad Green

Wendy Houston

SEASON RECORD

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Hockey - GV
Aiello, Alison G.
Barenfeld, Mary E. (cc)
Burnes, Rachel C.
Caputo, Charlene M.
Cooper, Anna R.
Cotton, Ashley C.
Draper, Danielle C.
Francisco, Angela L.
Gardner, Abigail A.
Godsill, Rebecca H.
Gotha, Heather E.
Judge, Jessica L.
Manning, Camille A. (m)
Nigro, Catherine
Platt, Anne D. (cc)
Richardson, Susannah M.
Tompkins, Emily

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POSITION

Catherine K. G. G. O			'97	Goalie
Rebecca Galsill			'99	Defenseman
Anna Cooper			'98	Defenseman
Angie Francisco			'97	Center
Heather Gotne			'98	Wing
Jessica Judge			'00	Wing
Abby Gardner			'98	Defenseman
Suzannah Richardson			'00	Defenseman
Mary Barenfeld			'97	Center
Anne Platt			'97	Wing
Allison Aiello			'97	Wing
Hshley Cotton			'97	Center
Rachel Burnes			'99	Wing
Emily Tompkins			'99	Wing
Charlene Caputo			'99	Wing
Bia Draper			'97	Goal tender

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/4/96

OPPONENT: KUA

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: KUA 9
Andover 1

Andover scoring		
Player	Number	Period
Judge	13	3

goalie: C. Nigro
saves: 31

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/7/96

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield (~~Scamman~~)

RESULT: Andover 2
Deerfield 8

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
	21	1
Francisco		
Francisco	21	1

goalie: Nigro w/27 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/14/96

OPPONENT: Governor Dummer's Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: $\frac{GDA}{PA} \frac{6}{0}$

Andover Scoring

Player	Number	Period
Godsill	17	1
Godsill		2
Judge	13	2
Francisco	21	3
Judge		3
Judge		3

goalie: C. Nigro

Saves: 12



DATE OF CONTEST: 12/15/96

OPPONENT: Princeton Tiger Lilies

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: Princeton | 6
Andover | 6

Andover Scoring		
Player	Number	Period
Francisco	21	1
Judge	13	1
Platt	10	2
Francisco	21	2
Gotha	15	3
Judge	13	3

goalie: Nigro
saves: 29

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/16/76

OPPONENT: Assabet

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT:

Assabet	8
Andover	3

Andover Scoring

Player	Number	Pd.
Gotha	15	1
Francisco	21	2
Aiello	7	2

goalie: Nigro
Saves: 17

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/17

OPPONENT: Hanover

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: $\frac{\text{Hanover}}{\text{Andover}} \frac{1}{7}$

Andover Scoring

Player	#	Pct.
Francisco	21	1
Judge	13	1
Barenfeld	24	2
Francisco	21	2
Barenfeld	24	2
Francisco	21	3
Barenfeld	24	

goalie: D. Draper w/ 10 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/11/97

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: St. Paul's

RESULT:

Andover	4
St. Paul's	6

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Barenstfeld	27	1
Barenstfeld	24	2
Cotton	18	2
Gotha	15	3

goalie: Nigro w/17 saves

ST. PAUL'S SLIDES BY

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

**St. Paul's
Andover**

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The 1997 Andover girls' hockey team is looking to improve on last year's disappointing season. This year's squad definitely appears to be more

competitive, but will require a great deal of teamwork to be successful.

PA is led by a number of returners such as Heather Gotha '98, Rebecaa Godsill '99, and co-captains Mary Barendsfield '97 and Anne Platt '97. Some top newcomers include Jessica Judge '00, Angie Francisco '97, and Rachel Byrnes '99. The girls lost two very good goalies to graduation, Meghan Marfione and Julia Lloyd, but expect great things from their new keepers Dia Draper '97, and Katherine Nigro '97.

The Big Blue remained on campus after the end of the fall term to play four games. They recorded two wins and two losses during that time. More

important than the results, however, was the fact that the girls got a chance to know each other better both on, and off the ice. Team chemistry is going to play a major role in the success of this year's team.

In there most recent game, the Big Blue lost a heartbreaker, 6-4, to a strong St. Paul's team. Andover's first line lost freshman sensation Jessica Judge '00 to the United States National Luting Championship, but Ashley Cotton '97 stepped up to take her place and racked up a goal in the second period.

The game was all tied up, 3-3, heading into the third period, but the girls were outscored three to one in the third period for a 6-4 loss. Andover was happy with their overall performance, but the everyone understands that more work needs to be done. The team has played fairly consistently so far this year, and looks to build off of last year's performance. Captain Anne Platt seemed to summarize the teams motto for the year by saying, "We have a lot of potential and if we work together we can make a lot of progress."

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/15/97

OPPONENT: Lawrence

WHERE PLAYED: Lawrence

RESULT:

Andover	0
Lawrence	6

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd
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goalie: Draper w/13 saves

Groton, St. Mark's

by Nick MacInnis and Tanner Zucker
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Lawrence Academy	6
Andover	0
Andover	8
Groton	4
Andover	3
St. Mark's	1



The Blue bounced back from a tough loss to Lawrence Academy to take Groton and St. Mark's later in the week.

Lawrence came into the contest on a two game winning streak after posting victories over St. Mark's and Brooks by a combined score of 19-0. Andover could not compete with the eighth ranked Lawrence girls.

The Groton game, however, was another story although it began much like the Lawrence game; the Blue was down 2-0 at end of the first period. But the ice was resurfaced, and so were the hopes of the Andover squad as the first line combination of Angie Francisco '97, Heather Gotha '98, and Jessica Judge '00, quickly netted two goals to tie it up. After the second, the score was 4-3 in Andover's favor. Andover went on to outscore Groton 4-1 in the third period, and cruised to an 8-4 victory.

Andover came into the game against St. Mark's with the hope of winning their second consecutive game, and establishing some consistency in this very unpredictable season; they did just that. Despite dramatically outshooting St. Mark's, the Blue still trailed 1-0 after the first two periods.

In the third period, though, the girls came out flying, scoring three times for a 3-1 victory. Jessica Judge '00, Becca Godsill '99, and co-captain Mary Barendseld '97, all scored, and the goaltending was terrific for Andover. This victory was a big one for a team looking for some stability early in the season.

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/18/97

OPPONENT: Groton

WHERE PLAYED: Groton

RESULT:

Andover	8
Groton	4

PR Scoring

Player	#	Pd
Gotha	13	2
Gotha	13	2
Francisco	21	2
Gotha	15	2
Francisco	21	3
Barensteld	24	3
Francisco	21	3
Francisco	21	3

goalie: Draper w/ 17 saves

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/22/47

OPPONENT: St. Mark's

WHERE PLAYED: St. Mark's

RESULT: $\frac{PA}{St. Mark's} \bigg| \frac{3}{1}$

App Scoring		
Player	#	Pts.
Berensteld	24	3
Godsill	17	3
Judge	13	3

goalie: Nigrow / 8 saves

DATE OF CONTEST! 1/29/97

OPPONENT! Exeter

WHERE PLAYED! PA

RESULT! Exeter | 2
Andover | 8

PA Scoring		
Player	#	Pd.
Francisco	21	1
Gotha	15	1
Cooper	3	2
Gardner	22	2
Barnesfeld	24	3
Francisco	21	3
Francisco	21	3
Godsill	17	3

goalie: Nigro w/ 18 saves

Girls' Hockey Shoots Downs Exeter

by Nick MacInnis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield	8
Andover	2
Andover	8
Exeter	2



The Andover girls' hockey team was definitely struggling coming into the week, having lost two of their last three games. They've had trouble finding a groove in their tough schedule, where an easy win has been hard to come by. Unfortunately, Andover found themselves playing two more tough opponents: Deerfield and Exeter.

Deerfield

The Big Blue went into Wednesday's game against number two ranked Deerfield, looking for a quality win. Before the game even started, though, Andover was outmanned. First line player Heather Gotha '98 and coach Martha Gondeau were both unable to attend the game due to sickness. After the first period, however, Andover looked to be very much in the contest trailing by only one goal at 3-2. As senior leader Ashley Cotton put it, "It looked good after the first period." Angie Francisco '97 continued her torrid pace, scoring both Andover goals to keep her team in the game. The first period was very close and well played by both teams. The second and third periods, though, were a completely different story, as a more powerful Deerfield squad outscored

Andover 5-0 to post an 8-2 victory. It appeared that once Andover fell behind by a couple of goals, their intensity dropped a level, and they let the game slip away. There were, however, some bright spots in the game. Co-Captain Anne Platt '98 picked up her game, substituting for the absent Heather Gotha on the first line. Furthermore, Rebecca Godsill '99 played very well on defense in a losing effort. Andover looked ahead to Wednesday's matchup against rival Exeter hoping to capitalize on their progress.

Exeter

The girls were in desperate need of a big win against a good team, and that's just what they got against Exeter. The Big Blue came out flying in this one, completely dominating archrival Exeter in every facet of the game. Players and coaches alike continue to sing their praise of Angie Francisco '97 who netted three more goals and added a couple of assists. Her other first line mates, Jessica Judge '00 and Heather Gotha '97 both added goals for Andover, as did Anna Cooper '98. Defenseman Abbi Gardner '98 also scored her first career goal in the hard fought game. The Exeter team came out playing very dirty, but it was precisely what Andover expected, and the girls were not bothered at all. Beating Exeter is always big, but this one was especially important and coach Martha Gondeau called it, "A huge turning point in our season." The Blue hopes to build off this win and string together a couple more victories as they move towards the end of the season. Next week they will meet New Hampton and Tabor in two critical games.



After losing to Deerfield, the girls took out their frustration on Exeter, beating them 8-2 Photo / O.Mark

DATE OF CONTEST! 1/31/97

OPPONENT! New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT!

New Hampton	3
Andover	2

PFA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	3

goalie: Nigro w/30 saves

Hockey Held In Check

by Ashley Cotton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
New Hampton	2
Tabor	4
Andover	1



Coming off a huge win against Exeter the Andover girls hockey team continued their momentum through to their next opponents, New Hampton and Tabor. Plagued by absences again, Blue had only two regular defensemen for both games, with Rebecca Godsill sidelined by a concussion.

Andover struck out right from the start against New Hampton, creating opportunity in the offensive zone. In the second period, scoring sensation Angie Francisco '97 displayed her wealth of talent once again, putting P.A. up on the score board. Uppers Anna Cooper and Abby Gardner kept Andover in the game, stepping up their play on defense. New Hampton was able to squeak another goal by though, putting them up by one. In the final period Angie proved to be Blue's savior again, placing the puck in the upper left hand corner, finishing the game tied at two-two.

Tabor being a traditionally strong team, Andover entered the game having everything to prove. Blue started slow and played most of the first period in their defensive end, allowing two goals. Not ready to travel home with out a good effort put in, Andover stepped up their play. Fransisco put in her third of the week on a breakaway in the second. Coach Fenton was pleased with Andover's overall effort against Tabor and the four to one final.

This evening at 5:30 the girls meet Wolfeboro at home.

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/5/97

OPPONENT! Tabor

WHERE PLAYED! Tabor

RESULT!

Anderson	1
Tabor	4

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Franciso	21	2

goalie: N. grow/18 saves



Angie Francisco '97

"Angie is one of the most talented players I have ever been able to coach. She provides the glue [for] the team." Coach

Martha Fenton

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Although the girls' hockey team began the season slowly, the squad has enjoyed great success recently thanks in part to Angie Francisco '97. On Friday, Angie led the way to a 5-0 win over Milton Academy with a hat trick, and continued her stellar play with a goal in PA's 10-4 victory over Brooks. However, her performance in those games paled in comparison with the scoring bonanza she put on in Wednesday's triumph over Holderness, in which she notched five goals. Her outstanding play and remarkable leadership have earned her Athlete of the Week honors.

Angie grew up in Duluth, Minnesota, a city with a rich tradition of hockey. However, girls' hockey was just beginning to establish itself as she grew up. Consequently, when she began her hockey career in first grade the sport was dominated by males. Although her father played the game through college, he had reservations about letting his daughter participate. In time, he changed his mind and allowed Angie to begin her illustrious career. Although success came quickly, in 8th grade she abruptly decided to change sports and play basketball. Angie continued with basketball until after graduation, where upon she made a difficult decision concerning the next stage in her life. Angie

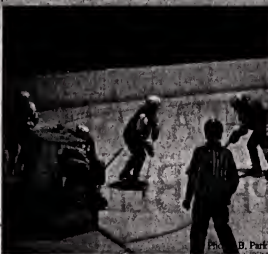
decided to matriculate to PA, delaying college for a year. Several family friends had attended Andover, and recommended the school fervently.

Usually, the process of changing school is very difficult. However, her teammates and coach Martha Fenton have greatly aided her transition to PA. "Martha has been a great help, especially with the little things like introducing me to new friends and looking

gift, and has brought a lot of experience as a player and a leader to the team." With Angie's help the girls' hockey squad has rebounded from a shaky start, to post a 9-8-1 record at week's end. With the departure of many seniors last season, the team needed an opportunity to come together, and have only recently displayed their full potential. During the girls' three game winning streak, Angie has

tallied nine goals and been a mainstay at right wing on the first line. When asked about her newly found knack for scoring goals, Angie replied, "sometimes it's just clicking for you, and sometimes it's not." As far as the future of this year's club is concerned, the team still has an outside chance of qualifying for the New England Tournament. However, to have any hopes of receiving a post-season bid, the squad must defeat three big opponents: BB&N, Chelmsford, and arch-rival Exeter.

With the season coming to a close, Angie faces another big decision about where to attend college. Although she is currently being recruited by Harvard University and Providence College, Angie is also entertaining the idea of returning to the mid-west to enroll in the University of Minnesota or Wisconsin at Madison. One decision that she has already made, is that she will continue to play hockey in college. Coach Fenton commented that "[Angie] is without a doubt a Division one caliber player with great potential, and I look forward to watching her in college."



after me," remarked Angie. One of the major differences from her previous school is the amount of work. Another new experience that Angie needed to adjust to was living away from home. At first she experienced a little homesickness, but with the previously mentioned help she soon felt comfortable at PA.

Once she felt at home, she concentrated her energy in the classroom and on the athletic field. In fact, coach Fenton stated, "[Angie] has been a true

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/7/97

OPPONENT! Wolfeboro

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT! Wolfeboro 3
Andover 6

PA scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Golha	15	1
Barensfeld	24	2
Francisco	21	2
Francisco	21	2
Barensfeld	24	2
Godsill	17	3

goalie: Nigrow/9 saves
Draper w/ 6 saves

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/12/97

OPPONENT! Nobles

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT! Nobles | 4
Andover | 5

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Francisco	21	1
Gardner	22	1
Barensteld		2
Godsill		2

goalie: Nigro 4/22 save



DATE OF CONTEST! 2/14/97

OPPONENT! Milton

WHERE PLAYED! Milton

RESULT! Andover 10
Milton 14

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	1
Barenstfeld	24	1
Francisco	21	1
Platt	10	1
Judge	13	2
Barenstfeld	24	2
Judge	13	2
Judge	13	3
Gotha	15	3

goalie: Nigro w/ 27 saves

Girls' Hockey Breaks .500

By Nick MacInnis and Tanner Zucker
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	10
Milton	4
Andover	5
Brooks	0
Andover	10
Holderness	1



A string of three wins this past week gives the girls' hockey squad's momentum as it heads down the stretch. Led by senior Co-Captains Anne Platt '97 and Mary Barenfeld '97, along with post-graduate sensation Angie Francisco, the Blue has shown teams around the league that it is not a pushover. With wins over Milton (10-4), Brooks (5-0), and Holderness (10-1), Andover has raised its record to a respectable 9-8-1.



Andover puts pressure on the Holderness goalie

Photo / B. Park

Milton Academy

Andover came into their Friday night game against Milton Academy expecting a battle. Milton, the eighth ranked girls' prep hockey team, was also undefeated in ISL league play. Milton was looking past what they expected to be a quick win against Andover, and on to the ISL league title. Andover was determined to prove the Milton girls wrong and channeled that tenacity into taking a 5-0 lead after only one period of play. The girls stockpiled both themselves and the entire Milton bench with their tenacity. "We came to play at their extremely competitive level, but ended up playing well beyond it" said Heather Gotha '98. Once again carving her name into the score-sheet was Francisco, tallying

a hat trick in just the first fifteen minutes of play. Also contributing to the first period effort were captains Platt and Barenfeld. Gotha also managed to get her name in the stat book with two assists, both to Francisco. The second period panned out much like the first, with Andover outscoring Milton 3-0 sending the blue to the locker room with a commanding 8 goal lead. Barenfeld scored her second of the day, but Jessica Judge '00 claimed this period as her own, scoring two goals, both assisted by Francisco. Realizing their victory, the Blue dropped their intensity a notch, allowing Milton to outscore them 4-2 in the third period. Notably however, the Milton squad pulled their goalie midway through the

third period, and had a bit of five advantage from then on. Gotha seized this opportunity, adding an empty net goal while Judge capped off her hat-trick. Goalie Catherine Nigro '97 held down the fort, stopping 27 of 31 Milton shots.

Brooks

Despite an injury to starting goalie Nigro, Andover was victorious in the second game of their back-to-back pairing with Milton and Brooks. Playing hard from the start, the girls squad outshot Brooks 50 to 5. Dia Draper stepped up to the task, recording a shut-out. Andover's scoring was spread across the roster as five different players netted goals. Barenfeld, Francisco, Gotha, and Platt each scored in the first period, and were followed by a goal from Rebecca Godsill '99. Andover did well in taking advantage of a weaker Brooks team. For the second game in a row they played consistent hockey, dominating their opponent throughout the length of each game.

The Holderness girls proved to be no match for Andover's hot streak. Francisco put on yet another show, scoring five consecutive goals in the first twelve minutes of play. Francisco's incredible showing gave her yet another hat-trick, and adds once more to her enormous 96-97 points total. Assisting on these goals were Anne Cooper '98 (2), Gotha, Judge and Godsill. Andover again had a commanding lead at the first intermission. Captain Barenfeld tallied the goal of the second period for Andover a 6-0 lead after two. In the third period, freshman Jess scored twice with both assists from Francisco, and Barenfeld and Gotha each added goals the. When all was said and done, Andover had out-shot Holderness 78 to 10. Francisco had put a huge stamp on the game with five goals and four assists. Catherine Nigro '97 picked up her first goal of the season in goal with the kind of finish that has boosted the team's record this year.

This 3-0 week the girls have had this season is looking forward to the end of the year against their peers.

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/15/97

OPPONENT! Brooks

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT! Brooks | 0
Andover | 5

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Barensteld	24	1
Francisco	21	1
Gotha	15	1
Platt	10	1
Godsill	17	3

Goalie: Draper w/5 saves

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/19/97

OPPONENT! Wolderness

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT!

Wolderness	1
Andover	10

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	1
Francisco	21	1
Barenstfeld	24	2
Judge	13	3
Barenstfeld	24	3
Judge	13	3
Gotha	15	3

goalie: Nigro w/10 saves

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/22/97

OPPONENT! BBN

WHERE PLAYED! Harvard

RESULT!

Andover	6
BBN	6

PA Scoring

Player	#	Pd.
Rosenfeld	24	1
Goma	15	1
Sudge	13	1
Francisco	21	2
Gother	15	3
Sudge	13	3

goalie: Nigrow/25 saves

Girls Extend Unbeaten Streak Barnesfeld '97 Continues To Dominate

By Nick MacInnis and Tanner Zucker
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	6
BB&N	6
Andover	1
Chelmsford Pee Wees	0



The girls varsity hockey squad extended its unbeaten streak to five games this week with a 6-6 tie against BB&N and a 1-0 victory over a Chelmsford all-star team. The girls have been at the top of their game for the past two weeks. Though out of playoff contention, the girls look to end the season on a positive note this week.

BB&N

In a game that took place at Harvard, the Blue played tough hockey against a talented BB&N team. Andover came out of the blocks strong, quickly posting a three goal lead. Mary Barnesfeld '97 started the scoring with assists from Anne Platt '97 and Becca Godsill '99. Barnesfeld's goal was followed quickly with strikes from Heather Gotha '98 and Jess Judge '00. The score stood at 3-0 into the second period when BB&N went on a 3-1 run to cut the deficit to one goal. Andover did not play very well in the second period, but still managed to hold the lead after goal by Angie Francisco '97, who continued her goal scoring streak. In the third

period both Gotha and Judge netted their second goals, but in the end BB&N had tied the game. The two teams went into overtime, but as neither wanted to come out on the losing end, they both played very conservatively. In fact, neither team recorded a shot on goal. Catherine Nigro played another solid game in net, saving 28 out of the 34 shots she faced. Though the Blue controlled play for the majority of the game, unfortunately they had to settle for a tie.

Chelmsford

Andover played a less experienced Chelmsford Pee Wee team at home on Wednesday. The Chelmsford girls played a very crafty style of hockey to compensate for their lack of size, but, fortunately for Andover, every time Chelmsford broke into their zone, Nigro was up to the task. In fact, she turned away all 27 shots that came her way.

Co-Captain Barnesfeld supplied the only offense Andover needed, scoring a goal four minutes into the second period. Barnesfeld took a pass from Godsill and shot it at the Chelmsford goalie, although the goalie made the initial stop Barnesfeld followed the miss with a goal and gave her team the lead for good. The game was very well played and Andover pushed its unbeaten streak to five. The only game remaining on the Andover schedule is against arch-rival Exeter on Saturday. In this contest, Andover will look to continue its streak and salvage its season.

DATE OF CONTEST! 2/26/97

OPPONENT! Chelmsford

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT!

Chelmsford	0
Andover	1

PA SCORING		
Player	#	Pct.
Barrenfeld	24	2

goalie: Nigro w/25 saves

DATE OF CONTEST! 3/1/97

OPPONENT! Exeter

WHERE PLAYED! Exeter

RESULT! Andover 4
Exeter 3

PA scoring

Player	#	Pd
Francisco	21	1
Judge	13	2
Francisco	21	3
Francisco	21	3

GIRLS FINISH IN STYLE

By Nick MacInnis and Tanner Zucker
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Andover
Exeter

4
3



The Andover girls' hockey team topped off their season with a dramatic 4-3 victory over Exeter this past Saturday. With wins over Milton, Brooks, Chelmsford, and Exeter, and ties against New Hampton and BB&N the Blue leave their 1996-1997 campaign on a six game unbeaten streak. Led by post-graduate Angie Francisco, whose knack for goalscoring has earned her respect, the team has shown tremendous improvement, and proved to everyone around the league that they won't go down without a fight. This end of the season run leaves the team on a good note, and gives the girls something to build on for next year.

Unlike the past few games, the Andover girls were slow in unleashing their wrath against the rival Exeter team. They soon found themselves down, as Exeter netted two goals. Things looked rough for PA until Francisco once again came to the rescue. Picking up the intensity a notch, she beat the clock and netted a goal with only 2 seconds left in the first period.

The Blue left the first period down 2-1, on Francisco's last minute goal. However, they returned from the intermission with the fire and effort now characteristic of the squad and necessary in a game against long time arch-rival Exeter. Jessica Judge '00 set the pace for the rest of the game, lighting the lamp to tie it up at 2-2. Post-graduate goalie Catherine Nigro '97 did her part and held tough throughout the period, foiling all of Exeter's attempts in the second.

Naturally, the action intensified in the third period. In the last game of the season, especially against an arch-rival like Exeter, seniors turn it up a notch. Exeter was the first team to score in the third period, but they definitely weren't the last. With Andover down 3-2, post-grad superstar Angie Francisco once again took the game into her own hands, scoring two unanswered goals and putting the lid on her final high-school hat-trick. Though only one of her many three goal

games, this last showing put Andover ahead of Exeter 4-3, winning what was arguably the most important game of the season. Naturally, the game was particularly sweet for seniors. Ashley Cotton '97 commented, "It was great to cream Exeter." Dia Draper '97 added, "The team really pulled together in the end of the season. Our 5-0-1 record for the last six games makes us all really proud."

Looking to next season, the girls seem to have an excellent chance to improve on this years performance. Rebecca Gidsill '99, Heather Gotha '98, and Anna Cooper '98 will head a core group of returners. Hopefully, the team can maintain the standard of excellence set in the last six games of the season. Many of the team's current players believe that much credit must be given to coaches Martha Gourdeau and Chad Green; happily, they will likely both return to guide the team for another year.

Outstanding Player of the Year Mary Barensfeld '97, Anne Platt '97

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PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Plagued by inconsistency, the 1996-97 Phillips Academy girls' varsity hockey team throughout the season found themselves on both the winning and losing ends of a series of lopsided games. It was not uncommon for the girls to win Wednesday game by five or six goals, then get pummeled the following Saturday. The fluctuations can, in part, be attributed to the play of the team, but, more realistically, are the result of the lack of parity from top to bottom in Andover's league. Overall, the Blue did have a rollercoaster season with many ups and downs, but the team's intensity of play, and confidence all seemed to increase exponentially, and by season's end the girls came to realize their potential by winning teams around the league.

The season's beginning was undoubtedly one to forget. After the first seven games Andover's record stood at a disheartening 2-5 with included 9-1, 8-3, and 6-0 losses. A closer look reveals that in these first seven games, Andover, still in its infancy, faced two of the toughest New England teams: SCU Assabet Valley, and Lawrence Academy. As coach Martha Fenton put it, "Our season started out against the top teams on our schedule, and though focused, we were unable to play with the confidence we need."

The first month proved to give no indication of how the team would later fare. After its miserable start Andover was able to bounce back and capture two of its next three games. Their skill and confidence were building, showing their growth as a team, but still they were still lacking the competitive edge they needed, going 2-2-1 in the five games that followed. The team found themselves at 6-8-1 after a 5-4 loss February 12 to York, and from there it appeared as if the remainder of their season would hold little promise but mediocrity.

The third and final turning point of the season occurred days later, Friday, February 14, in a 10-1 drubbing of previously undefeated Milton Academy. From then on it was no longer a matter of if, but when the team would be back to PA. They romped through the remainder of their schedule, going 1-1 from that point until the season's end and had the team been so successful throughout the season's entirety, a playoff berth would surely have followed. The season's end however was in no way a disappointment. The Blue ended on a six game undefeated streak, including a come-from-behind victory in the season finale against arch-rival Exeter, where the game was won 4-3 with two goal third period for Andover. All that and done, the girls finished with a more than respectable 11-8-2 record, giving them a winning percentage well over .500.

Andover developed through the season not only as a team, but individually as well. Among the stars of the team, perhaps the most notable sensation Angie Francisco (senior) brought. Francisco had the ability to score in a game both as a playmaker and a goal scorer. With 34 goals and 61 points in a season's games, Francisco averaged nearly one point a game. Francisco turned the head of every team in the league. She was Andover's leading scorer, tallying ten multiple goal games. She had six hat tricks and four games in which she recorded six or more points. She also came up big in four matches against Exeter, providing three goals each, and leading the Blue to victory. Her remarkable absence from the score sheet in a game against Chelmsford was all but unnoticed and could only be understood upon learning that there was only one goal scored in the game.

It was amazing that her scoring ability



Heather Gotha '98 steals the puck from an opposing forward.

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and overall point totals were Francisco's first twelve minutes of the February 19 match-up against Holderness. Five minutes into the first period, Angie scored the first goal of the game. Less than two minutes later, on her very next shift, Angie netted another two goals. Single handily taking control of the game, just seven minutes into the first period the score was Angie 3 Holderness 0. Unhappy with her eighth minute hat trick, Angie stepped out onto the ice again and scored for her third consecutive shift, with only one goal this time, but with a fifth soon to follow. After only these first twelve minutes, Angie had lit the lamp an incredible five times. The victory had been secured, and Francisco went on to assist on a goal scored by Heather Gotha '98 and two from freshman phenom Jessica Judge, accounting for eight of the team's ten goals in their 10-1 victory.

Heather Gotha and Jessica Judge, Angie's linemates, were the second and third leading scorers on the team with 42 and 41 points respectively. Gotha and Judge proved early on that they would largely effect the success of the team. In just the second game of her Andover career, Judge scored three goals, propelling the Blue to their first victory over Governor Dummer Academy. Gotha also proved early to be a force tallying

a hat trick for her own against Hanover.

The Hanover game also represented the first strike of senior co-captains Mary Barensfeld and Anne Platt. Barensfeld, a force on last year's team, was just as important to the team this year as any of the aforementioned contributors. Her role was one of leadership both on the ice and in the locker room. A hard worker, Barensfeld amassed 19 goals this season and a total of 25 points. Anne Platt also a leader, though more by example than by voice, added to the overall offensive power of the team, combining with Barensfeld and Allison Aiello '97 to form a strong second line.

The Blue's defense was anchored by returning lower Rebecca Godsell and captain Anna Cooper '98. Godsell made the transition from center to defense exceptionally well, and used her offensive talents to add up 19 overall points for the season. Ashley Cotton '97 another defensive standout for the Blue teamed up with Abby Gardner '98 to form the second line. The Andover defense had ample depth and performed solidly throughout the year, progressing at a rate equal to that of the rest of the team.

Perhaps the greatest defensive improvement this year was between the pipes. Goalies Catherine Nigro '97 and Dia Draper

'97 drastically elevated their play. Coach Martha Fenton was quick to comment on their contribution to their team. "Our goalies developed into a crucial element of our defense, and gave the players the confidence they needed to play their best."

The future of Andover hockey looks bright. They return eight players next year, and have a talented group of junior varsity players to build with. The core of the team promises to be strong. On defense, next year's captain Anna Cooper returns as well as second year player Rebecca Godsell. Abby Gardner, and returning freshman Susannah Richardson will also add to the team's defensive talent. Up front, opposing defenders will have to deal with the likes of returning first-liners Heather Gotha and Jessica Judge. Newcomers Emily Tompkins, Rachel Burnes, and Charlene Caputo, all lowers, will also be on the attack next year. PA will have to look to its JV squad to provide goaltending as well as rounding off the rest of the team, but, the coaching staff appears confident in the junior varsity's ability to provide them with the talent they need.

The season was one of many great victories, but was also filled with disheartening losses. Though out of play-off contention because of their rough start, Andover finished with a strong record, especially for the season's second half.

Their development through the year was remarkable, and at its peak, the team proved to itself and the rest of the league that it had the ability to pick apart the defense and shut down the offense of any team that dared challenge.

This season will be remembered by those leaving and those who remain as one of remarkably quick development, and will be looked back upon with much pride and admiration.

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SPORT: ALPINE SKIING (LAST YEAR)

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: DEBORAH SCHWARTZ & MATTHEW WILDER
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: CLYFE BECKWITH
ASSISTANT COACHES: Roger Kimball, Corbin Lang

SEASON RECORD

Boys - 10th at Interschols - Girls - 5th

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____
LETTER WINNERS

LETTER WINNERS

Skiing - Alpine
Bliss, Jaclyn B.
Burke, Megan M.
Fitzgerald, Kieran
Greene, Megan E.
Hsu, Douglas J.
Hustvedt, Mark S. R.
Menon, Roshen
Schwartz, Deborah L. (rc)
Soraghan, Tara A.
Warner, Lindsay L.
Wilder, Matthew H. (cc)

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Led by Schwartz '97, Skiers Say Goodbye to Alpine Program in Style

by Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Sadness is brought to the fans and competitors of PA's alpine ski team as they realize that the 1997 team was the last to hit the

slopes in competition for Andover. It is simply unfortunate that the school heads, along with the athletic department, could not find the funds to support the ski team. This last squad for PA knew that they had to go out with a bang, in order to show everyone that they deserved a spot in the respected Andover athletic program. After a solid '97 season, the team members and coaches were confident that they had the high caliber skiing to fly down the slopes and compete with all of New England.

Girls

The girls worked hard all season, training at Nashoba Valley and competing all over New England, and this hard work helped them to keep a positive mentality during the drawn out races in the mountains of the Northeast. With the determination and breathtaking skiing of team Captain Debbie Schwartz '97, the Andover girls experienced a successful season in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference. Youngster Tara Soraghan '99 showed her natural athletic abilities, consistently placing in the top five.

However, despite the achievements of Schwartz and Soraghan, the girls' team was not based on individual accomplishments. It instead focused on the performance of the team as a whole; in fact the Blue was especially proud of its phenomenal amount of depth. Team members such as Jackie Bliss '98, Lindsay Warner '97, Megan Burke '98, and Megan Greene '97 were all instrumental in the success of the girls' 1997 season.

This group of competitors supported each other and drew inspira-

tion from their teammates' accomplishments. The pinnacle of the girls' season certainly came at Interschols when the Blue came in with a commendable fifth place finish, led by Schwartz's magnificent first place finish in the slalom. Her performance, coupled with the excellent results of Soraghan, who should have another two years to develop her talents on the Andover team, raised further complaints about the termination of the Andover alpine ski program.

Boys

The boys had a commanding season throughout the winter, improving with every single race in which they competed. Led by team Captain Matt Wilder '97 and powerful upper Doug Hsu, the boys were able to finish off their season with a solid ninth place showing at Interschols. The team was rounded into a spectacular group with members Kieran Fitzgerald '98, Mark Hustvedt '97, Roshen Menon '97, Seth Moulton '97, Nate Kirk '98, Mike Tonelli '00, and Chris Orbon '98.

Like the girls, the boys were left to wonder what would have been, for the younger members such as Hsu '98 and Tonelli '00 would have given Andover an outstanding team for the winter of '98. Kieran Fitzgerald commented on the final year of the ski program saying, "It was a great year for myself and everyone on the team; we had a lot of fun. It is just a shame that we could not get whoever is in charge to understand that the ski team adds a lot to the school."

The coaching staff, consisting of Corbin Lang, Clyde Beckwith, and Roger Kimball will miss the Andover ski program as much as its participants will. Coach Beckwith comments on the final season for his team saying, "I will miss five good years of ski coaching, along with all the good times with the kids on the bus and on the slopes. I can smile at the fact that our last team was able to show that they had the caliber to keep competing with the rest of New England."

Skiers Fall Into Second

by Jim Ellis and Collis Klarberg

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The Andover Alpine ski team hit the slopes Wednesday afternoon at King Pine, racing in their second race of the

season. They faced a total of seven strong teams from all over the New England area. All six of the Andover girls placed in the top twenty, and five of the eight boys placed in the top twenty as well. Both teams were able to clinch second place, showing their dominance as a well-rounded ski team.

Boys

The Andover boys had an excellent race, demonstrating aggressiveness in the challenging slalom. Coach Corbin Lang said, "We did great! We still have a lot of work to do; we are just going to take it one day at a time. Lord willing, we'll make it to the Interschols."

Two Andover boys boosted themselves into the top ten on Wednesday. Doug Hsu '98 impressed the competition as he sped through the gates for the afternoon's top finish. Hsu has proved to be a strong team leader, and will definitely be a valuable asset to the team in future races.

Captain Matt Wilder '97 also had an excellent day at King Pine, placing fifth. At the start of his first race, Wilder fell, forcing him to hike back up the slope. Spectators saw a new Matt Wilder on his second run, when he stopped the clock at 26:83 seconds. This was the fastest run of the day, beating out the second time by an incredible 1.5 seconds. With this kind of perseverance and determination, Wilder has become one of the best in New England.

Other outstanding performances came from Kieran Fitzgerald '98 and Marc Hustvedt '97, with tenth and seventeenth place finishes, respectively. PA skiers Mike Tonelli '00, Nate Kirk '98, Roshen Menon '97, and Chris

Orbon '98, all placed in the top thirty.

Girls

The Andover girls turned in a great race, as well. They placed a solid second out of four teams on Wednesday. Captain Debbie Schwartz '97 blew away the competition putting her name on the top of the leader board at the end of day's racing.

Tara Soraghan '99, proved herself once again by finishing third. Although she is the youngest skier on the team, Tara has responded to the tough competition; last week she was the team's top finisher.

The Big Blue is looking ahead to next week, when they travel to Proctor on Wednesday. Fitzgerald went on to echo many teammates sentiments concerning alpine skiing's termination as an Andover sport, saying, "I believe this year's finishes would set us up to dominate next year, but Mrs. Chase and [Athletic Director] Modeste don't seem to understand."

Alpine on Ice

by Jim Ellis and Collis Klarberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



PA skiers have had to put their sport at the top of their priority list this past week, with races up in New Hampshire on both Saturday and Wednesday. The Blue is still struggling to dominate its competition because of its persistent problem with team members in the races, especially on their first runs. Though these problems have placed more pressure on the team to improve from its present position, coaches and team members are still confident that the racers will qualify for Interschols.

Saturday afternoon, the team took a trip to Proctor for a slalom race, cru-

cial for entrance into Interschols. Ten teams were present for the race. Andover had trouble with the slushy conditions, and didn't perform as well as they had hoped.

Proctor set two courses of different lengths for the first and second runs. The longer course was skied first, and it was there that most of the skiers ran into trouble.

Andover's boys' captain, Matt Wilder '97, skied one of his best races of the season. Unfortunately, after Wilder thought that he had won the race, he was later informed that he was disqualified for the day after straddling a gate on his last run.

In the girls' race, team captain Debbie Schwartz '97 had a disappointing first run when she fell halfway

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Alpine Skiers Stay Strong

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down the course. Struggling to finish the race, Schwartz hiked the gate, and finished respectfully. Regaining confidence after her devastating first run, Debbie skied the best run of the day.

Wednesday's race provided a much different environment than Saturday's warm rain. This time at Whaleback, the team encountered the coldest, iciest conditions the team has experienced this season. Skiers kept warm in heavy winter coats and warm winter hats until moments before they were called to start. Because it was PA's last giant slalom race before Interschols, the team had a lot to prove to the rest of New England.

Captain Matt Wilder '97 stayed consistent in his performance by producing an impressive third place finish. Debbie Schwartz '97 also placed exceptionally well in the race, adding to her streak of shining finishes with a second place result. However, second seed Doug Hsu '98 was taken out of the race by a high-speed fall.

The team has had their sights on Interschols since the season first began. Coaches believe that the team is almost ready for this kind of competition, except for the costly falls made on the course by PA's skiers. Team member Mark Hustvedt '97 speaks confidently about the team's improvements in the future saying, "The team is loaded with talent, but we just need to have our racers finish the course if we want to win."

Alpine Grand Finale

Captains Wilder '97 and Schwartz '97 Lead Teams To Strong End In Alpine's Last Regular Season

by Collis Klarberg
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There is nothing like going out with a bang, and that is exactly what both the girls' and boys' alpine ski teams did this week as they wrapped up the final regular season of Andover alpine skiing. The team took to the slopes at Proctor this Wednesday like never before this season. The boys came away with first and the girls with second.

The team was able to jump out of a brief slump with this outstanding performance. This big win came just in time for Interschols which is Andover's next challenge.

Boys

The boys' alpine ski team faced the usual suspects again on Wednesday: Proctor, Vermont Academy, Kimball Union Academy, New Hampton, and St. Paul's. Although the conditions were not ideal, they were able to top the Proctor team. This first place is just what the boys needed to attain in order to finish the season on a high note.

One thing that the team was able to overcome this past Wednesday was their tendency to fall. Because of the smaller number of falls, fewer skiers had to hike up to go around missed gates and thereby lose time. This is one of the primary reasons they placed so well.

Many of the skiers raced well in their individual runs. Team Captain Matt Wilder '97 led the PA squad by posting a first place victory overall. Not too far behind was teammate skier Doug Hsu '98, who placed third. Other outstanding finishes included:

Nate Kirk '98, tenth; Kieran Fitzgerald '98, twenty-sixth; Chris Orbon '98, twenty-seventh.

The team was quite happy with their job well done, and they hope to keep up their confidence and hard work for the post-season races. Captain Wilder stated, "It was nice to end the season with a strong first place, and hopefully we will be able to carry the strength into Interschols."

Girls

The girls' alpine ski team faced the same opponents on Friday, but came just short of skiing past Proctor. Their second place finish is, still, a marvelous way to end the season.

The girls had many solid individual runs that led to a high overall score. Captain Debbie Schwartz '97 had an outstanding first place run on Wednesday, and proved to be a great team leader throughout the season. Meghan Greene '97 was not far behind her captain placing a superb fifth. Other strong finishers included Lindsay Warner '97 who placed fourteenth and Tara Soroghan '99 who placed eighteenth. The team was hoping to beat out Proctor, but they could not out-ski the skillful team.

Much like the boys, the girls have had problems in the past dealing with falling. They too seemed to be able to overcome this obstacle on Wednesday, and they hope to stay on their feet for Interschols.

The entire alpine team demonstrated their powerful, dominant skiing last Wednesday. Individual racers added to their streak of impressive times. The talented skiers elated about their performances at Proctor, but the racers have really put their main focus on Interschols.

MATT WILDER '97

by Eli Kagan
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In its last year, the Phillips Academy Alpine Ski team had many things to complain about in light to the program's termination. However, one bright spot during the season was the consistently superior racing of senior Captain Matt Wilder '97. Wilder, a four-year senior, is a resident of Bartlett North and hails from Westport, Connecticut.

Matt has had what most would call a very distinguished career as a PA skier. In his fourth year on the varsity squad, Wilder placed in the top three of all but one of the season's five races. He went on to finish fifth in Slalom and seventh in Giant Slalom, placing him at the forefront of NEPSAC skiing.

At this same competition, the only skiers with faster times were those who raced at full-time, skiing academies.

Matt has had great performances throughout his career going down the slopes for the Blue. His junior season, Matt surprised many by qualifying for Interschols. Unfortunately, he did not finish the slalom event and was not able to compete in giant slalom. Undeterred, Matt made the team again his lower year in 1995, in which he competed in both the slalom and giant slalom. He pulled in a very impressive 12th and 18th in slalom and giant slalom, respectively. He finally separated himself from the rest of the prep school competition his upper year. In last year's 1996 season, he broke into the NEPSAC top ten. This distinction was quite impressive, as nearly all of the skiers in the top ten attend schools

such as Holderness and Gould, where skiing is an ingrained part of life.

Matt was taught to ski at age three at local mountains, like Butternut near his home in Connecticut. By age five he began skiing at the more challenging Okemo Mt. in Vermont, where his older brother was already racing. He began to race competitively at the age

mer, Wilder, is an avid rock climber, enjoying the sport for its challenge. He hopes to attend Dartmouth next fall, but is not sure if he will be able to ski on their varsity alpine team.

Along with all the Alpine team members, Matt is upset over the end of the Phillips Academy Alpine Ski Team. On the subject he said, "It's a

shame that they have to terminate a program that a lot of people have shown interest in. A lot of people will be missing out on a fun and competitive opportunity." Matt sends his thanks to head coach Clyde Beckwith for supporting him and the rest of the skiers over his long career here at Andover. Speaking of Wilder, Coach Beckwith had only kind things to say. "Matt has been a great captain. He really is enthusiastic, and you can see that he really enjoys the sport."



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of seven. Matt started competing against skiers in the mid-Vermont area, from such mountains as Pico and Killington. He moved up through the ranks as a skier, on the Okemo Racing Team. Progressing from the lowest level of J5 to what he is now, a J1. Outside of Andover, Matt races in the Vermont Alpine Racing Association, which is sanctioned by the United States Skiing Association. Last February, Matt competed in the Vermont State Championships. He placed 14th in Slalom and 17th in Giant Slalom, for seventeen and eighteen year olds.

Besides skiing, Wilder was a member of the Flagstaff cluster soccer team, which made it to the finals of the cluster soccer tournament. He also currently hosts a WPAA radio show every Tuesday night called Picasso Moon. In the spring and sum-

SPORT: NORDIC SKIING

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: KIMBERLY BALLARD-PERRIN & GRANT UPSON
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: DEBBIE CARLISLE
ASSISTANT COACHES: Charlie Wray

SEASON RECORD

Boys - 7th - Girls 5th at Interschols

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____

LETTER WINNERS

Skiing - Nordic (cc)
Ballard-Perrin, Kimberly
Bronstein, Shaina M.
Crawford, Bristol J.
Glass, William J.
Langer, Ashley A.
Myers, John O., Jr.
Okner, Paul
Upson, Grant P. (cc)
Watson, Keara M.

NORDIC SKIING - RELAY RESULTS

February 19, 1997

GIRLS:

#1	Holderness	41:03	10 points
#2	Gould	46:12	20 points
#3	St. Paul's	46:37	30 points
#4	Hyde	46:40	40 points
#5	Kimball Union	47:51	50 points
#6	Andover	48:12	60 points
#7	Putney	49:15	70 points
#8	Vermont Academy	50:46	80 points
#9	Northfield Mt. H	50:53	90 points
#10	Hebron	53:01	100 points
	Holderness (b)	53:4	(unofficial)
	Proctor	55:55	(unofficial)

skating?

Kim 10:39
Ashley 12:46
Shirley 13:45
Kara 11:12

BOYS:

#1	Holderness	34:14	10 points
#2	Putney	37:29	20 points
#3	Gould	37:41	30 points
#4	Proctor	37:46	40 points
#5	Hyde	40:24	50 points
#6	St. Paul's	42:15	60 points
#7	Kimball Union	43:22	70 points
#8	Hebron	44:25	80 points
#9	Andover	44:39	90 points
#10	Belmont Hill	44:48	100 points
#11	Northfield Mt. H	49:03	110 points
#12	Vermont Academy	50:33	120 points
	Holderness (b)	40:13	(unofficial)

Grant 11:18
Paul 11:38
Will 11:31
John 11:06

N.E. PREP SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
NORDIC SKIING RACE RESULTS
February 19, 1997

Individuals - C16

GIRLS:

#1	Holderness	1, 4, 6 = 11
#2	Gould	2, 3, 23 = 28
#3	St. Paul's	13, 14, 16 = 43
#4	Putney	9, 15, 20 = 44
#5	Andover	7, 11, 31 = 49
#6	Kimball Union	12, 21, 22 = 55
#7	Northfield Mt. H	5, 33, 35 = 73
#8	Hyde	19, 28, 30 = 77
#9	Vermont Academy	26, 27, 32 = 85
#10	Hebron	25, 39, 43 = 107
#11	Proctor	37, 40, 47 = 124

BOYS:

#1	Holderness	1, 2, 3, = 6
#2	Gould	6, 9, 10 = 25
#3	Putney	5, 12, 15 = 32
#4	Proctor	4, 14, 18 = 36
#5	St. Paul's	16, 17, 23 = 56
#6	Hyde	11, 26, 33 = 70
#7	Andover	22, 28, 32 = 82
#8	Hebron	7, 30, 51 = 88
#9	Northfield Mt. H	24, 37, 39 = 100
#10	Kimball Union	21, 41, 42 = 104
#11	Vermont Academy	35, 47, 50 = 132
#12	Belmont Hill	43, 49, 58 = 150

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N.E. PREP SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
NORDIC SKIING OVERALL TEAM RESULTS
February 19, 1997

GIRLS:

		RACE	RELAY	TOTAL
#1	Holderness	11	10	21
#2	Gould	28	20	48
#3	St. Paul's	43	30	73
#4	Kimball Union	55	50	105
#5	Andover	49	60	109
#6	Putney	44	70	114
#7	Hyde	77	40	117
#8	Northfield Mt. H	73	90	163
#9	Vermont Academy	85	80	165
#10	Hebron	107	100	207
#11	Proctor	124	110	234

21 sec out of 4th

BOYS:

#1	Holderness	6	10	16
#2	Putney	32	20	52
#3	Gould	25	30	55
#4	Proctor	36	40	76
#5	St. Paul's	56	60	116
#6	Hyde	70	50	120
#7	Hebron	88	80	168
#8	Andover	82	90	172
#9	Kimball Union	104	70	174
#10	Northfield Mt. H	100	110	210
#11	Belmont Hill	150	100	250
#12	Vermont Academy	132	120	252

14 sec out of 7th

PLACE	BIB #	NAME	SCHOOL	WAVE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ELAPSED
1	3	Walrod, Mark	Holderness	B-01	0:00:00	0:25:25	0:25:25
2	23	Rodgers, Colin	Holderness	B-03	0:02:00	0:27:34	0:25:34
3	43	Tanz, Matt	Holderness	B-05	0:04:00	0:30:07	0:26:07
4	4	VanLoan, Carl	Proctor	B-01	0:00:00	0:26:12	0:26:12
5	5	Osgood, Brayton	Putney	B-01	0:00:00	0:26:38	0:26:38
6	1	Ellas, Joran	Gould	B-01	0:00:00	0:26:54	0:26:54
7	2	Trafton, Sam	Hebron	B-01	0:00:00	0:27:27	0:27:27
8	83	Bradley, Jamie	Holderness	B-09	0:08:00	0:35:39	0:27:39
9	41	Anderson, Adrian	Gould	B-05	0:04:00	0:31:41	0:27:41
10	21	Sawyer, Scot	Gould	B-03	0:02:00	0:29:53	0:27:53
11	13	Bartlett, Brian	Hyde	B-02	0:01:00	0:29:06	0:28:06
12	45	Wells, Jesse	Putney	B-05	0:04:00	0:32:32	0:28:32
13	64	Foster, Jeb	Holderness	B-07	0:08:00	0:36:32	0:28:32
14	25	Hinkley, Jed	Proctor	B-03	0:02:00	0:31:10	0:29:10
15	26	Wells, Toby	Putney	B-03	0:02:00	0:31:26	0:29:26
16	46	Flynn, Ben	St. Paul's	B-05	0:04:00	0:34:31	0:30:31
17	6	Leidinger, Ethan	St. Paul's	B-01	0:00:00	0:30:34	0:30:34
18	44	McNeil, Dan	Proctor	B-05	0:04:00	0:35:13	0:31:13
19	66	Coven, Ben	Putney	B-07	0:06:00	0:37:14	0:31:14
20	61	Sternicki, Oliver	Gould	B-07	0:06:00	0:37:27	0:31:27
21	14	Millbrandt, Eric	Kimball Union	B-02	0:01:00	0:32:30	0:31:30
22	71	Okner, Paul	Andover	B-08	0:07:00	0:38:37	0:31:37
23	86	Murphy, Tucker	St. Paul's	B-09	0:08:00	0:40:08	0:32:08
24	18	Pinsonneault, Jee	Northfield	B-02	0:01:00	0:33:13	0:32:13
25	27	Brown, David	St. Paul's	B-03	0:02:00	0:34:14	0:32:14
26	34	Jackson, Luke	Hyde	B-04	0:03:00	0:35:20	0:32:20
27	67	Barnes, Seth	St. Paul's	B-07	0:06:00	0:38:20	0:32:20
28	51	Myers, John	Andover	B-06	0:05:00	0:37:23	0:32:23
29	85	Stead, Ian	Putney	B-09	0:08:00	0:40:23	0:32:23
30	42	Bartow, Jon	Hebron	B-05	0:04:00	0:36:50	0:32:50
31	81	Everett, Chris	Gould	B-09	0:08:00	0:40:51	0:32:51
32	31	Upson, Grant	Andover	B-04	0:03:00	0:35:52	0:32:52
33	73	Rodgers, Nate	Hyde	B-08	0:07:00	0:40:02	0:33:02
34	11	Glass, William	Andover	B-02	0:01:00	0:34:23	0:33:23
35	19	Fox, Noah	Vermont	B-02	0:01:00	0:34:28	0:33:28

PLACE	BIB #	NAME	SCHOOL	WAVE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ELAPSED
36	38	Crawford, Bryson	Andover	B-10	0:09:00	0:42:39	0:33:39
37	36	Summer, Galen	Northfield	B-04	0:03:00	0:37:00	0:34:00
38	53	Brown, Jeremy	Hyde	B-06	0:05:00	0:39:08	0:34:08
39	75	Lentz, Jon	Northfield	B-08	0:07:00	0:42:13	0:35:13
40	65	Klaer, John	Proctor	B-07	0:06:00	0:41:37	0:35:37
41	54	Brady, Phelan	Kimball Union	B-06	0:05:00	0:40:43	0:35:43
42	35	Adams, Peter	Kimball Union	B-04	0:03:00	0:39:07	0:36:07
43	12	Courtney, Jared	Belmont Hill	B-02	0:01:00	0:37:47	0:36:47
44	93	Sheehan, Ben	Kimball Union	B-10	0:09:00	0:45:48	0:36:48
45	74	Cedeno, Jeff	Kimball Union	B-08	0:07:00	0:43:58	0:36:58
46	92	Warnick, Jason	Hyde	B-10	0:09:00	0:46:07	0:37:07
47	56	France, Matt	Vermont	B-06	0:05:00	0:42:44	0:37:44
48	94	Wolejko, Tom	Northfield	B-10	0:09:00	0:47:01	0:38:01
49	32	Boylan, Schuyler	Belmont Hill	B-04	0:03:00	0:41:09	0:38:09
50	37	Harlow, Ryan	Vermont	B-04	0:03:00	0:41:20	0:38:20
51	22	Pattavina, Vinnie	Hebron	B-03	0:02:00	0:40:55	0:38:55
52	84	Teti, John	Proctor	B-09	0:08:00	0:46:58	0:38:58
53	63	Parsons, Paul	Hebron	B-07	0:06:00	0:45:13	0:39:13
54	96	Tankersley, Andy	Holderness	B-10	0:09:00	0:48:37	0:39:37
55	76	Tyson, Andy	Vermont	B-08	0:07:00	0:46:51	0:39:51
56	95	Stewart, Nolan	Vermont	B-10	0:09:00	0:49:37	0:40:37
57	82	Stonebraker, Ben	Hebron	B-09	0:08:00	0:50:09	0:42:09
58	72	Connors, Kevin	Belmont Hill	B-08	0:07:00	0:49:47	0:42:47
59	52	Campisi, Evan	Belmont Hill	B-06	0:05:00	0:47:55	0:42:55
60	91	Feuer, Scott	Belmont Hill	B-10	0:09:00	0:54:55	0:45:55

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PLACE	BIB #	NAME	SCHOOL	WAVE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ELAPSED
1	104	Patzner, Hilary	Holderness	G-01	0:00:00	0:17:18	0:17:18
2	101	Molyneux, Lindsey	Gould	G-01	0:00:00	0:18:53	0:18:53
3	121	Shaner, Margaret	Gould	G-03	0:02:00	0:21:05	0:19:05
4	123	Davis, Heather	Holderness	G-03	0:02:00	0:21:08	0:19:08
5	114	Lachthaler, Nelia	Northfield	G-02	0:01:00	0:20:12	0:19:12
6	143	Hanson, Becca	Holderness	G-05	0:04:00	0:23:42	0:19:42
7	112	Ballard-Perrin, Kimberly	Andover	G-02	0:01:00	0:21:03	0:20:03
8	163	Donaghy, Taylor	Holderness	G-07	0:06:00	0:26:18	0:20:18
9	116	Graves, Katie	Putney	G-02	0:01:00	0:21:21	0:20:21
10	118	Taylor, Hannah	Exeter	G-02	0:01:00	0:21:29	0:20:29
11	131	Watson, Keara	Andover	G-04	0:03:00	0:23:53	0:20:53
12	105	Nintzel, Kate	Kimball Union	G-01	0:00:00	0:20:54	0:20:54
13	165	Dailey, Allison	St. Paul's	G-07	0:06:00	0:27:08	0:21:08
14	145	Sandes, Lulu	St. Paul's	G-05	0:04:00	0:25:09	0:21:09
15	155	Heidenreich, Maria	Putney	G-06	0:05:00	0:26:23	0:21:23
16	106	Knipe, Hilary	St. Paul's	G-01	0:00:00	0:21:41	0:21:41
17	181	Kearney, Maura	Holderness	G-09	0:08:00	0:29:44	0:21:44
18	125	Hanson, Inger	St. Paul's	G-03	0:02:00	0:23:51	0:21:51
19	132	Cochenour, Lauren	Hyde	G-04	0:03:00	0:25:07	0:22:07
20	135	Stead, Elisa	Putney	G-04	0:03:00	0:25:14	0:22:14
21	164	Fossett, Brandi	Kimball Union	G-07	0:06:00	0:28:21	0:22:21
22	124	Taupier, Erin	Kimball Union	G-03	0:02:00	0:24:34	0:22:34
23	141	Paul, Sarah	Gould	G-05	0:04:00	0:27:07	0:23:07
24	144	Logan, Abby	Kimball Union	G-05	0:04:00	0:27:15	0:23:15
25	103	Bernier, Leanne	Hebron	G-01	0:00:00	0:23:18	0:23:18
26	126	Black, Heather	Vermont	G-03	0:02:00	0:25:21	0:23:21
27	108	Reed, Cadence	Vermont	G-03	0:02:00	0:25:22	0:23:22
28	152	Zisko, Robyn	Hyde	G-06	0:05:00	0:28:27	0:23:27
29	184	Morgan, Sarah	St. Paul's	G-09	0:08:00	0:31:50	0:23:50
30	171	Dowling, Jessica	Hyde	G-08	0:07:00	0:31:07	0:24:07
31	151	Langer, Ashley	Andover	G-06	0:05:00	0:29:19	0:24:19
32	146	Wilson, Jill	Vermont	G-05	0:04:00	0:29:24	0:24:24
33	153	Klimoff, Lauren	Northfield	G-06	0:05:00	0:29:49	0:24:49
34	185	Koch, Leah	Vermont	G-09	0:08:00	0:33:10	0:25:10
35	133	Pronjansky, Alice	Northfield	G-04	0:03:00	0:28:14	0:25:14

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36	174	Gaudett, Ellyn	Hyde	G-08	0:07:00	0:32:16	0:25:16
37	134	Sylvain, Shauna	Proctor	G-04	0:03:00	0:28:27	0:25:27
38	113	Raider, Julia	Hyde	G-02	0:01:00	0:26:36	0:25:36
39	142	Rearick, Janna	Hebron	G-05	0:04:00	0:29:40	0:25:40
40	115	Milne, Jessie	Proctor	G-02	0:01:00	0:26:55	0:25:55
41	166	Carroll, Erin	Vermont	G-07	0:06:00	0:32:01	0:26:01
42	175	Micklin, Claire	Northfield	G-08	0:07:00	0:33:06	0:26:06
43	122	Fortier, Nicole	Hebron	G-03	0:02:00	0:28:26	0:26:26
44	173	Tavalin, Kona	Putney	G-08	0:07:00	0:33:31	0:26:31
45	161	Bouckeart, Alex	Gould	G-07	0:06:00	0:32:55	0:26:55
46	172	Hanley, Julia	Northfield	G-08	0:07:00	0:34:02	0:27:02
47	154	Manniere, Lauren	Proctor	G-06	0:05:00	0:36:15	0:31:15
48	162	West, Julia	Hebron	G-07	0:06:00	0:37:44	0:31:44
	183	Deppmeyer, Marika (DQ)	Kimball Union	G-09	0:08:00	0:32:51	0:24:51

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	PLACE	BIB	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SCHOOL	START	FINISH	ELAPSED
	1	114	COLIN RODGERS	HOLDERNESS	0:00:00	21:25	21:25	
	2	118	FORRE JANUKAJTIS	BURKE	0:00:00	21:30	21:30	
	3	113	MARK WALFORD	HOLDERNESS	0:00:00	21:31	21:31	
	4	111	BRAY OBOOOD	PUTNEY	0:00:00	22:50	22:50	
	5	124	SPENG NEVELL	BURKE	0:01:00	24:03	23:03	
	6	123	JEB FOSTER	HOLDERNESS	0:01:00	24:47	23:37	
	7	132	JAMIE BRADLEY	HOLDERNESS	0:02:00	25:47	23:47	
	8	131	DAN MCNEIL	PROCTOR	0:02:00	26:11	24:11	
	9	110	ETHA LEIDINGER	ST. PAULS	0:00:00	24:35	24:35	
	10	120	DAVID BROWN	ST. PAULS	0:01:00	26:22	25:22	
	11	135	ERIC MILLBRANDT	KUA	0:02:00	27:52	25:52	
	12	133	NICK WOLCOTT	HOLDERNESS	0:02:00	27:53	25:53	
	13	127	BEN COVEN	PUTNEY	0:02:00	28:23	26:23	
	14	148	JOE CONNETTS	HOLDERNESS	0:03:00	30:02	27:02	
15	15	134	GRANT UPSON	ANDOVER	0:02:00	29:05	27:05	
	16	21	NOAH FOX	VERMONT	0:01:00	28:42	27:42	
	17	172	JEFF CEDENO	KUA	0:06:00	33:52	27:52	
15	18	156	TUCKE MURPHY	ST. PAULS	0:04:00	32:04	28:04	
	19	147	JOHN MYERS	ANDOVER	0:03:00	31:21	28:21	
	20	143	IAN STEAD	PUTNEY	0:03:00	31:30	28:30	
21	21	122	WILLIAM GLASS	ANDOVER	0:01:00	29:36	28:36	
	22	150	PAUL OKNER	ANDOVER	0:04:00	32:45	28:45	
22	23	153	JOHN KIAER	PROCTOR	0:04:00	33:06	29:06	
	24	151	BRETT INGOLD	HOLDERNESS	0:04:00	33:19	29:19	
	25	150	BEN FLYNN	ST. PAULS	0:02:00	31:25	28:25	
	26	148	PETER ADAMS	KUA	0:03:00	32:49	29:49	
	27	141	SETH BARNES	ST. PAULS	0:03:00	33:03	30:03	
	28	167	PHILLY BRADY	KUA	0:04:00	34:11	30:11	
	29	144	JOHN TETI	PROCTOR	0:03:00	33:25	30:25	
	30	160	WES LAURIE	HOLDERNESS	0:05:00	35:40	30:40	
	31	152	CHARL Lodi	HOLDERNESS	0:04:00	34:42	30:42	
	32	173	BEN SHEEHAN	KUA	0:06:00	37:22	31:22	
	33	136	RYAN HARLOW	VERMONT	0:02:00	33:30	31:30	
	34	183	JESKO KAMISCHKE	ST. PAULS	0:05:00	36:33	31:33	
	35	182	ROLAN GUNTHER	ST. PAULS	0:05:00	39:34	34:34	
	36	170	BRIST CRAWFORD	ANDOVER	0:06:00	41:14	35:14	
	37	171	JOE KELLIFER	HOLDERNESS	0:06:00	43:36	37:36	
	38	174	YUSUK TEHASAKI	ST. PAULS	0:06:00	49:42	43:42	
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Holderness 1, 2, 4, 5 12

St. Paul's 7, 8, 15, 19 49

Putney 3, 11, 16, 32 68

KUA 9, 14, 20, 22 65

Proctor 6, 17, 23, 32 78

Vermont 13, 27, 32, 32 104

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	PLACE	BIB	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SCHOOL	START	FINISH	ELAPSED
2	1	11	HILARY	PATZER	HOLDERNESS	0:00:00	15:09	15:09
3		17	ERN	WHEELER	BURKE	0:00:00	15:44	15:44
4	2	23	JEN	DALLEY	PUTNEY	0:01:00	16:58	15:58
5		22	JORDAN	MANGES	BURKE	0:01:00	17:20	16:20
6	3	12	BECCA	HANSON	HOLDERNESS	0:00:00	17:21	17:21
7		25	TAYLOR	DONAGHY	HOLDERNESS	0:01:00	18:25	17:25
8	4	13	KIM	BALLARD-PERRI	ANDOVER	0:00:00	17:27	17:27
9	5	35	KATRIN	GOLLHARDT	BURKE	0:02:00	19:38	17:38
10		43	SARINA	GOLLHARDT	BURKE	0:03:00	21:11	18:11
11	5	27	CADENCE	FEED	VERMONT	0:01:00	20:27	18:27
12		19	HANNAH	TAYLOR	EXETER	0:00:00	18:35	18:35
13	6	14	KATE	NINTZEL	KUA	0:00:00	18:36	18:36
14	7	18	INGER	HANSON	ST. PAULS	0:00:00	18:48	18:48
15		26	KEARA	WATSON	ANDOVER	0:01:00	19:51	18:51
16	8	20	HILARY	KNIPE	ST. PAULS	0:01:00	19:56	18:56
17	9	30	HEATHER	DAVIS	HOLDERNESS	0:02:00	20:56	18:56
18	10	60	MAURA	KEARNEY	HOLDERNESS	0:03:00	24:03	19:03
19		38	JILL	WILSON	VERMONT	0:02:00	21:04	19:04
20	11	24	ERN	TAUPER	KUA	0:01:00	20:26	19:26
21	12	50	SARA	ROITMAN	HOLDERNESS	0:04:00	23:37	19:37
22	13	40	LAURA	MURPHY	ST. PAULS	0:03:00	22:56	19:56
23	14	33	MARIKA	DEPPMEYER	KUA	0:02:00	22:02	20:02
24	15	21	WLU	SANDES	ST. PAULS	0:01:00	21:07	20:07
25	16	46	BRITTA	FRANSON	HOLDERNESS	0:03:00	23:13	20:13
26	17	34	ALLISON	DALLEY	ST. PAULS	0:02:00	22:18	20:18
27	18	35	SARAH	MORGAN	ST. PAULS	0:02:00	22:18	20:18
28	19	47	ABBY	LOGAN	KUA	0:03:00	23:31	20:31
29	20	52	EMILY	DUFFIELD	ST. PAULS	0:04:00	24:33	20:33
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45	36	66	KIRSTIN	CHEN	ST. PAULS	0:05:00	38:40	33:40
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47			St. Pauls	7, 20, 14	29			
48			KUA	6, 10, 15	33			
49			Vermont	23, 1, 25	41			
			Putney	2, 22, 37	61			
			Proctor	26, 30, 37	93			

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4	222 Colin Rodgers	boys	Holderness		00:13:16.0
5	215 Forrest Janukajtis	boys	Burke		00:13:24.0
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43	266 Roland Gunther	boys	St. Paul's		00:24:35.0
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INTERVAL STARTResults By Class
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55	255 Joe Connors	boys	Holderness		00:00:00.0
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Girls

1	312 Hilary Patzer	Girls	Holderness		00:14:45.0
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5	345 Katrin Gollhardt	Girls	Burke		00:16:34.0
6	322 Becca Hanson	Girls	Holderness		00:17:00.0
7	318 Kim Ballard-Perrin	Girls	Andover		00:17:30.0
8	355 Sarina Gollhardt	Girls	Burke		00:17:47.0
9	310 Bree Lambert	Girls	Australia		00:18:21.0
10	351 Maura Kearney	Girls	Holderness		00:18:40.0
11	311 Katie Graves	Girls	Putney		00:18:53.0
12	326 Inger Hanson	Girls	St. Paul's		00:19:14.0
13	316 Hilary Knipe	Girls	St. Paul's		00:19:31.0
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18	328 Keara Watson	Girls	Andover		00:20:11.0
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21	359 Erin Taupier	Girls	KUA		00:21:00.0
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Nordic Skiers Ready for Snow

by Jim Ellis and Collis Klarberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The Andover Nordic Ski team is a small squad of fourteen young athletes who are eager to show their worth to all of New England. Although it participates in a limited number of meets, the team has had the opportunity to travel to Mount Saint Anne's of Cana-

da for four days during the end of winter break. Team co-captains Grant Upson '98 and Kim Ballard '98 referred to the trip as "successful and fun." There were a multitude of students who tried out for the Nordic Ski team, but unfortunately the squad had to be cut down to the required amount of fourteen skiers.

Due to the lack of snow on the ground, the team is unable to practice

daily on campus. The skiers, however, refuse to be daunted by Mother Nature, and it looks to train in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire. John Myers '98, Max Day '00, Will Glass '98, and Upson all will provide excellent support and leadership for the young team. Because of its obvious talent, Ballard expects that the team will place high in their upcoming meet against St. Paul's.

Nordic Stays High and Dry

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



No one is more upset about the weather this winter than the Nordic Ski Team. The lack of snow has forced the

team to roller ski across campus for training. The racers can't be discouraged like they have been in the last two weeks however. Captain Grant Upson '98 has faith. "Even though we haven't had any real snow time, the team can handle it. We're still finishing strong."

The girls' nordic team looks very promising. They are placed at fourth after two races. At St. Paul's 5K classic race, Captain Kim Ballard '98 finished fourth, right behind Holderness' three strongest skiers. Newcomer, Keara Watson '98 also had a solid finish. At Putney's 5K freestyle skating race Ballard had an excellent time once again, finishing seventh. Watson, Shaina Bronstein '98 and newcomer Ashley Langer '98 all raced hard.

The boys' team hasn't been quite as successful, but they are still looking good with a sixth place ranking. The competition was stiff at St. Paul's, and John Myers '99 placed twenty sixth, highest for the Andover boys. At Putney, Upson had a strong finish, with Myers and Will Glass '98 not far behind. The nordic team is looking forward to its night race at Holderness, and hopefully some snow.



Kimberly Ballard-Perrin '98 en route to her strong seventh place finish in the Girls' 5K at Interschols

Photo / C. King

Skiers Paint Interschols Blue

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Andover Nordic skiers had a successful season; due in part to the extra cardiovascular training added to their workouts this year. On

Wednesday, the racers placed higher at Interschols than they have in the recent past, proving the lack of snow had no effect on their drive and dedication. Kirti Ballard '98 and Grant Upson '98, elected as captains for a second season, look forward to working with the team again next year. Coach Debbie Carlisle added, "We're thinking snow for 1998!"

The conditions for the Lakes Region Championship last Wednesday were close to perfect. Ballard, who has had an incredible season, placed sev-

enth in the girls' 5K. Keara Watson '98 also skied well with a fourteenth place finish. Upson led the Andover boys with a fifteenth place finish. Despite a nasty fall, John Myers '99 finished a strong twentieth.

Andover did very well at Interschols on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the weather was not good for skiing, and in many places on the St. Paul's course the snow had turned to slush. Even so, Ballard managed to hold onto her seventh place position.

The girls also had a successful relay, placing fifth. Newcomer Paul Okner '98 led Andover boys, finishing twenty-second. Ballard commented, "I'm proud of our performance, and especially Paul. I can't wait to see him race next year!" With a strong core of returners, including both captains, the team should indeed be an exciting one to watch next year.

Nightly Nordic

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last Wednesday, the Nordic Ski Team traveled to Holderness for the unique experience of a night race. Open-flamed torches lined the trail, but barely provided enough light for the racers to ski by.

"It was so dark," says Captain Kim Ballard '98, "that on some of the downhill, I couldn't see my feet. It was very disorienting." Along with poor visibility, the skiers had to cope with sub-zero temperatures. They were rewarded at the finish line, however, with the chance to relax in an outdoor hot tub. Will Glass '98 had an amazingly good race for his first year as he finished first out of the Andover boys. Ballard led the girls with a ninth place finish overall.

At next week's Lakes Region Championship, the Blue hopes to place third, after the two best ski academies, Holderness and Burke.

Kim Ballard 70

by Abby Coleman
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

When Kim Ballard began skiing as a Junior, she never imagined she would be skiing around the globe. Now an Upper, Ballard is ready to let her skis take her anywhere.

Ballard began downhill skiing when she was just three years old on her family trips to the Swiss Alps. She loved being outdoors and getting exercise, but had no interest in Alpine racing when she came to PA. It was her cross-country running coach who suggested Nordic skiing as a winter sport. She got the chance to hit the trails for the first time in Vermont over winter break her Junior year. "I loved it immediately. Nordic was the perfect combination of downhill skiing and endurance."

When Ballard tried out for the team, she had very little experience, but possessed natural glide and a basic knowledge of technique. By the end of her first season, Ballard had managed to surpass her teammates. She placed highest for Andover at Interschols that year, finishing thirteenth.

Unfortunately, Ballard had a rough season Lower year. She felt out of shape aerobically because of chronic illnesses. Unlike her health, Ballard's dedication never diminished—she went to Interschols with the flu and a fever. "The good thing about that year was that it really inspired me to improve. I was frustrated with my racing, so I decided to push myself harder."

Last summer, Ballard decided to get really serious about skiing. She skied for three hours a day with six other students in Australia and New Zealand. On the trip, she had the opportunity to work with the skiing coach from Holderness, one of the best ski schools in the country. Ballard improved tremendously on her aerobic capacity, skating technique, and glide. "I enjoyed the experience of the longer races and 10 to 14K trails."

The next break, Ballard traveled with the Nordic team to

Canada, where she trained in the mountains twice a day for four days. "I'm so glad I got so much pre-season Skiing time in. This year would have been a disaster otherwise." Looking back, the season was in no way a disaster. Ballard placed in the top seven of every race this year, including Interschols. Her seventh place finish qualified her for the New England Regional Invitational in March. She hopes the Invitational race will get her noticed by some recruiters, particularly from Williams or Dartmouth.

Not only did Ballard enjoy success at school races, but in the National Junior Qualifiers races as well. Ballard woke up every Sunday at five AM to compete. She enjoyed these races the most because they were longer than the usual 5K. In fact, her most memorable race was a 10K at Dartmouth in which she placed tenth. Ballard vows that she will get other PA racers involved in the Junior Qualifiers next year.

Ballard is already thinking ahead for the '98 season, her fourth season on the team and second as captain. In order to stay in shape, she will hike here in the spring and in France over the summer. "All the training I do is for skiing. My goal for next year is to place in the top three." Ballard has a very good chance of reaching that goal, because her perseverance and determination will surely prove useful. Ballard works hard to improve herself, and spreads her enthusiasm to the other team members. Said Nordic coach Debbie Carlisle, "She is a strong and reliable leader and I am looking forward to Ballard's continuing success next year."



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Nordic Lays Foundation For Future

Returning Captains Upson and Ballard Should Improve on '97 Season Results

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

The 1997 nordic skiing program laid a strong foundation for the future with an excellent season. As they are only uppers, both boys' Captain Grant Upson and girls' Captain Kim Ballard-Perrin should return next year to build off of their excellent performances from this year and lift the Andover Nordic program to the highest ranks of prep school competition.

Although many PA students rejoiced because of the mild '96-97 winter, the nordic team suffered from the lack of snow. From the outset of the season all the way through Interschols, Mother Nature failed to cooperate. Returning from winter break, the team found the ground free of snow, and because of this, it was unable to practice on campus throughout much of the season.

However, the squad was able to make occasional excursions to Waterville Valley, New Hampshire to find adequate training ground.

The Blue also ventured to Mount St. Anne's in Canada at the tail end of winter break to get in some vital practice and to begin to form the cohesive team that emerged from the 1997 season.

The Blue attended a variety of meets throughout the season held mostly at St. Paul's and Holderness, two of New England's cross country skiing powerhouses. Team members agreed that they saw remarkable improvements from everyone over the course of the season.

Although the Blue never finished at the top in these weekly meets, Andover's extra cardiovascular training and intense practices allowed the team to steadily climb the leader board, while paving the way for fantastic individual performances.

One of the most interesting meets of the year occurred at Holderness when the Blue participated in a night race. Although inadequate lighting and sub-zero temperatures made the race itself a difficult one to compete in, the team expressed the fact that the overall experience was quite enjoyable. The squad's sentiments about the race could not have been hurt by the fact that an outdoor hot tub was provided for the skiers to relax in after the grueling race.

All of Andover's practice time and competitions were in preparation for Interschols, the culmination of any season. Led by Captain Ballard, the Blue performed exceptionally well. Although Andover was unable to surpass the perennial powerhouses from Burke and Holderness Academy, the Blue did Phillips Academy proud, demonstrating in full all of the progress that the team had made in the 1997 season.

The girls' team led the charge, as Captain Ballard placed seventh individually and the girls' relay took fifth overall.

Ballard commented on the meet and specifically on the performance of first year man, Paul Okner '98, saying "I am proud of our performance and especially of Paul. I can't wait to see him race next year." Many of this year's newcomers, like Okner, should return next year and lead the Blue to a fantastic season, under the guide of returning Captains Upson and Ballard.

"Despite an extreme lack of snow, the quality of our dry-land training became evident in our Wednesday meets as newer skiers improved week in and week out."

- G. Upson

SPORT: BOYS SQUASH

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: DEAN CHIUNGOS

HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:

HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: TOM CONE

ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Squash -BV
Beiler, Joshua W.
Brodhead, Daniel D.
Chiungos, Dean C. (c)
Christodoulo, Peter G.
Hugo, John M.
Karlen, Peter B.
Kumar, Neil
Polasani, Sanjeev S.
Shuman, David I.
Valdesolo, Piercarlo
Witherspoon, Thomas W.,

BOYS SQUASH

Sat., Nov. 23	M.I.T.	home	10-0
Wed., Dec. 4	Brooks (scrimmage)	home	
Sat., Dec. 7	Choate/Exeter	home	
Sat., Jan. 10	St. Mark's	away	5-0
Wed., Jan. 15	Tabor	away	2-3
Sat., Jan. 18	Middlesex	home	5-0
Wed., Jan. 22	St. Paul's	home	4-3
Sat., Jan. 25	Choate	away	3-4
	Westminster	^ r	2-5
Wed., Jan. 29	Exeter	home	3-4
Sat., Feb. 1	Milton	home	1-6
Wed., Feb. 5	Belmont Hill	home	4-1
Fri., Feb. 7	Deerfield	home	6-1
Wed., Feb. 12	St. George's	home	7-0
Wed., Feb. 19	Groton	away	4-1
Sat., Feb. 22	Interschols	away	
Wed., Feb. 26	Exeter	away	0-7

Squash Gets Squashed

by David Shuman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After many hours of training, both the Andover squash teams won three of their first four matches to begin what appears to be a very promising year for the program.

Boys

Unlike the veteran girls' team, the boys' squash team lost a core of five seniors to graduation last year. In somewhat of a surprise, the young team is still doing very well and has already compiled a 3-1 record. The boys convincingly won two early season scrimmages against MIT JV and Brooks by scores of 10-0 and 6-1, respectively. The only loss to Brooks came at the number one position where three-year Andover number one, Pete Karlen '98 fell to Brooks' top player who is simply known by his first name, Winn.

With two walkovers under their belts, the boys traveled to St. Mark's last Saturday, and came away with a convincing 5-0 victory. Captain Dean Chiungos led the way with a rapid 3-0 win against his overmatched St. Mark's opponent. Seniors Neil Kumar and Dan Brodhead finished off the sweep with wins in the first real match of the season.

The boys ran into some trouble on Wednesday, however, as Captain Chiungos was forced to sit out with shin splints. As a result, the rest of the team was forced to move up one position on

the ladder. Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, who has been playing well lately and was making his Varsity debut on Wednesday, started the Blue off on the right track with a 3-1 win at the number four position. After Karlen won easily and Kumar lost 0-3, Brodhead and Peter Christodulo '98 were left fighting on the courts in grueling five game matches. Unfortunately, neither could pull out the last win Andover needed for the team victory.

A solid group of young talent, the Andover boys' squash team has a promising future in front of it. With the coaching of Tom Cone, a diligent work ethic, and a positive attitude, this team can only get better.



The Andover squash teams continued their success this week as they performed well against some of the best teams in the league. The boys rebounded from a tough loss against Labor last week with two impressive wins over Middlesex and St. Paul's by scores of 7-0 and 4-3, respectively. Meanwhile, the girls beat Groton 5-2 and fell just short of defeating a very strong Exeter team.

Boys' Squash

Last Saturday, the Middlesex squash team came to Andover with high expectations, but soon discovered that the Andover boys were anxious to play, well-trained, and simply their superiors. The match started out well for Andover as the bottom three seeds, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, Dan Brodhead '97, and Josh Beiler '98, won quickly and easily by scores of 3-0. Peter Christodoulou '98 then took the court for what would be the match of the day. Christodoulou was down 2-0 and on the verge of giving up after his opponent had manhandled him in the first two games. After a talk with captain Dean Chiungos however, he approached the third game with an open mind and a free soul. In the third and fourth games he wore down his opponent and miraculously managed to win both of them. The fifth game can be described as a tribute to the greatness of the coaching skills of Chiungos. His inspiration made



Dean Chiungos '97 maneuvers around his St. Paul's opponent

Photo / O.Trip

Boys Sweep Week

by Dave Shutman & Jeff Myers
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITERS

Andover-Boys	7
Middlesex	0
Andover-Boys	4
St. Paul's	3

Christodoulou's comeback and eventual victory possible. Peter Karlen '98, Chiungos, and Neil Kumar '97 also added wins to finish off the 7-0 sweep of an overmatched Middlesex team.

Like Andover, St. Paul's has a perennially strong and deep squash team. The two teams almost always have very close matches and this year's match was no different. Valdesolo continued his winning ways and helped the Blue to an early 1-0 lead with his 3-0 victory. After Chiungos fell 3-0, Beiler stepped up his play and beat an experienced St. Paul's number six. While Karlen came out with a solid 3-0 win, Christodoulou was completely outplayed by his opponent and lost 3-0.

Dan Brodhead traded points and games with his St. Paul's opponent but eventually outlasted him, winning game five by a score of 15-7 and giving Andover the impressive 4-3 victory.

After the match, Coach Cone commented, "I am very pleased with the hard effort put into physical conditioning, and it has obviously paid off with so many five game victories. We are continuing to improve quickly, but more tough competition is still ahead."

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	St. Paul's	Middlesex
Karlen	3-0	3-0
Chiungos	0-3	3-1
Christodoulou	0-3	3-2
Valdesolo	3-0	3-0
Kumar	1-3	3-2
Beiler	3-1	3-0
Brodhead	3-2	3-0

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	Exeter	Groton
Shingleton	0-3	0-3
Oreen	0-3	3-0
Adams	3-0	3-0
Nguyen	0-3	3-1
Martin	0-3	3-0
Gutier	3-0	3-0
Braunowitz	3-2	0-3

Mixed Bag for Boys

by Jeff Myers
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Exeter	4
Andover	3
Choate	4
Andover	3
Andover	5
Westminster	2



The boys' squash team, hampered by injury, lost three tough matches against well-groomed opponents. Even though they lost all their matches, the

boys definitely showed signs of improvement and determination in their play.

The Blue were defeated by Exeter Wednesday by a score of 3-4. Pete Karlen '98, however, won his ninth straight match at the No. 1 spot. Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 gave a solid effort at No. 3 as he won his match 3-0. John Hugo '98 also played well in his winning effort.

Last Saturday, the Blue traveled to Choate to play Choate and Westminster in a tri-meet. Losing 2-5 to Westminster, the squad received sound performances from Karlen and Hugo. The boys lost a tight match to Choate, 3-4. Providing the three wins for the team were Karlen, Valdesolo, and Hugo.

Due to senior captain Dean Chiungos' shin splints, he was unable to participate at Choate. Therefore, everyone below the number-two-seed Chiungos moved up one seed. "We should have won that match," commented Karlen who later added, "If Dean were in the line-up, the outcome might have been different."

This Saturday, the boys will look to turn things around against Milton, one of the tougher teams on the schedule.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Choate	Westminster
Karlen	3-0	3-0
Christodoulo	1-3	1-3
Valdesolo	3-1	1-3
Kumar	0-3	0-3
Beiler	0-3	0-3
Brothead	1-3	0-3
Hugo	3-1	3-0

Boys' Squash Splits The Week

by Jeff Myers
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Milton	6
Andover	1
Belmont Hill	4
Andover	1



The boys' squash teams had its ups and downs this past week. They opened the week with a 6-1 loss to Milton; however, they turned things around on Wednesday by beating Belmont Hill 4-1.

Belmont Hill

After the tough loss to Milton, the team came into this Wednesday's match determined to turn things around. They did just that, soundly beating Belmont Hill 4-1.

One notable match of the day was that of Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, who used his quickness and angle logic to pick his opponent apart. "Piercarlo played extremely well against an established player," said Cone.

Emotionally drained, Valdesolo

struggled to find words to describe his euphoria. "I gave it my all... Although hampered by injury and sickness, the team put up a great effort."

No. 1 seed Pete Karlen '98 dominated his opponent, winning 3-0. John Hugo '98 also posted a victory for the Blue with a 3-0 victory.

Milton

The Blue was not so fortunate on the previous Saturday. Losing 6-1 to Milton, the team

struggled throughout the match. "It was like seeing a bad movie," said Valdesolo who later added, "We got our behinds handed to us on a plate."

The notable match of the day belonged to Pete Karlen. Karlen lost to a very good opponent from Milton 2-3. However, Karlen made a drastic improvement; he lost in straight games last year. "I feel like it was a big step in the right direction. I think I have a great shot at beating him at Inter-



Peter Christodoulo '98, despite playing well, was the only loser. Photo: C. Mark

schols," said Karlen.

John Hugo, who won the Blue's only match, played very well. Dan Brothead '97 provided strong effort by taking his opponent into a fifth game.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS

	Milton	Belmont Hill
Karlen	2-3	1-0
Christodoulo	0-3	0-3
Valdesolo	0-3	3-0
Beiler	0-3	3-1
Kumar	1-3	1-3
Hugo	3-1	3-0
Brothead	2-3	3-0

Disappointing Finale for Boys' Squash

by Dean Chiungos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	7
Andover	0



This week the boys' squash team finished off its season with a decent showing at Interschols and a tough loss to Exeter.

Although the season did not end the way the team would have liked, the season as a whole was not bad considering that the team graduated five seniors last year.

Exeter

"Let's go out there and smash those balls, wield our rackets and see how we come out." Coach Cone's mission was clear: beat Exeter. Equipped with heavy artillery, the boys exited the bus at the scenic New Hampshire location. The squashers mistook the gym for the

New Hampshire State Penitentiary but eventually figured it out and infiltrated the cement fortress. In Bay of Pigs style, however, the invasion failed miserably as the Exonian powerhouse overwhelmed the Blue storm. Andover was outmanned and, like Napoleon in Russia, outfought. This bloody match resulted in seven sound defeats for Andover. Peter Karlen '98 could not withstand the attack of Beiler's mentor, Tim Saint '97. Befuddling Karlen with cheap and unseemly tactics, Saint emerged victorious, three games to one. Captain Dean Chiungos '97, playing in his last match for the Blue, fought heroically but fell in five grueling games to the Exeter captain. Other losers included Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, John Hugo '98, and Neil Kumar '97.

Interschols

Last weekend, the Andover squash program sent its top five players to Hartford, Connecticut to compete against thirty teams at Interschols.

Peter Karlen lost in the quarterfinals in the number one draw. Dean Chiungos, plagued all season by a shin injury, finally played a match and emerged with a 3-2 record at number two. Christodoulo finished 4-2 at the number three position, Valdesolo lost in the semi-finals of the number four draw, and John Hugo lost in the quarterfinals of the number five draw. Although the overall effort was not what everyone had hoped, the team looks forward to an incredible season next year with five of seven starters returning.

Peter Karlen '98

by Paul Pennelli
SPECIAL TO THE PHILLIPIAN

After years of practice, Andover's Peter Karlen '98 has become one of the top squash players in America. For the past three years, Karlen has played at the #1 spot on the boys' squash ladder, amassing an impressive record of 38 wins and 20 losses.

Though he currently resides in Woodstock, Connecticut, Karlen credits his highly developed squash game to his upbringing in Rye, New York. Peter definitely is part of a squash-oriented family. His father is an avid player, his brother John '90 was an All-American at Harvard, and his sister Jen '94 plays at Dartmouth. So successful was his early squash career, that Karlen found himself competing in the Nationals at age 10. Peter attributes his early wins to the fine coaching he received in Rye.

Once he moved to Connecticut, Peter found himself playing squash less. "I went from playing five times a week to twice a week," Karlen thought going to an athletically rigorous boarding school would improve his game. Andover seemed the obvious choice.

Unlike many juniors who have the opportunity to play at the varsity level, Peter was not a member of the squash team to warm the bench and learn the game from his elders. The youngster was thrust into the number one spot. Junior year was tough (7-10), but his lower year was much stronger (15-6).

Last season, Karlen had a great shot at winning Nationals, in which he finished seventh the year before. Unfortunately, the competition was postponed for a month, by which time Karlen had already changed his training schedule, for tennis season had already begun.

As captain for next year, Peter is hoping to accomplish many things. He hopes to take a higher role in leadership within the team, and wants to get more of his teammates into tournaments. Regardless of where the team finishes next year, it is obviously in good hands with Peter Karlen at its helm.

Boys' Squash Readies Itself For Future

Five of Seven Players Will Return for 1998 Season to Lead The Blue

by Jeff Myers

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This past winter, the boys' squash team capped off a solid season with a ninth place finish at Interschols. The team was composed of: No. 1 Pete Karlen '98, No. 2 Dean Jungos '97, No. 3 Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, 4 Pete Christodoulou '98, No. 5 John go '98, No. 6 Josh Beiler '98, and No. 7 il Kumar '97.

Posting a 12-6 record, the Blue showed a of poise throughout the season despite being hampered by some costly injuries. "We would have been awesome had it not n for all of our injuries. We lost a lot of se ones because of that," commented iler.

One of Anderson's first tests came against oor. Perhaps this match was the boys' st devastating, in that it was the team's a loss of the year.

We should have won that match," commented Valdesolo.

The squad fell two games to three, though ry match that the boys lost was a competi-

five five-set affair.

Captain Chungos was absent from this match because of his injured shin splints. Thus, every player seeded below No. 1 Pete Karlen was forced to play one rung up on the ladder.

Such was the case when the boys squared off against Exeter. PA was down early in this match, losing its first three games. If the boys were to defeat Exeter, they needed to win every remaining game.

However, the Blue came up one short, losing 3-4. No. 5 Beiler lost a heartbreaking match, with each of his games ending 13-15 in the Red's favor. However, the PA squad demonstrated a great deal of strength by not giving up when down early in the match.

The highlight of the year came when the Blue defeated St. Paul's, a perennial powerhouse.

Escaping with a close 4-3 victory, the Blue received a crucial victory from Beiler. Losing the first set, Beiler came back strong winning three straight sets. After the match he commented: "This was a great team showing. We really showed a lot of poise."

The Blue also had a great showing at Interschols. Placing ninth out of thirty-two

teams, the Blue received several outstanding individual performances. John Hugo advanced to the quarter-finals of the No. 5 draw, while Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 reached the semi-finals of the No. 4 draw. "We really got some great individual efforts, I was surprised with how well everyone played, especially John," commented Valdesolo.

Overall, the Blue had a great season. That the team completed its grueling schedule is a feat in and of itself. However, at times the length of the season seemed to take its toll.

Midway through the term, the team hosted St. Paul's on a Wednesday, traveled to Tufts on Friday, and, on Saturday, went to Choate to compete against two teams, Choate and Westminster. Even more impressive was the fact that the team took the SAT's earlier in the morning before making their way to

the Connecticut. However, the team dropped two matches; losing to Westminster 2-5, and falling to Choate 3-4. Beiler stated on his Saturday experience: "We woke up, got on the bus, got off of the bus, played one match, then played another, then got back at 11:30 at night. Overall, I'd say it was a tiring day."

The Blue appears to have a strong base for next year. With five of the top six players returning, the squad will have a great deal of experience.

"We'll be one of the top two or three teams next season," said next year's Captain Pete Karlen, one of New England's top players.

"Every seed will be working hard over the summer, attending various camps." Hopefully, this year's team will serve as the paradigm for next year's winners.



st seeded Pete Karlen '98 will return next season take on the role of captain.

Photo / B. Park

SPORT: GIRLS SQUASH

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: Elizabeth Adams
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Frank Hannah
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 10 LOST 4 TIED 9th at Interschuls

Letter Winners

Squash -Gv
Adams, Elizabeth C. (C)
Bramowitz, Melissa D.
Green, Courtenay A.
Gutner, Rebecca H.
Harvey, Natalie C.
Martin, Lauren T.
Nguyen, Trang Q.
Shingleton, Jennifer L.
Smith, Katherine M.

GIRLS SQUASH

Wed., Dec. 4	Tabor	home	7-0
Sat., Dec 7	Choate (scrimmage)	away	3-4
Fri., Jan. 10	Middlesex	away	7-0
Wed., Jan. 15	St. Paul's/Brooks	away	7-8 St. P. 9-0 Brooks
Sat., Jan. 18	Exeter	away	3-4
Wed., Jan. 22	Groton	away	5-2
Fri., Jan. 24	Tufts	home	7-0 forfeit
Wed., Jan. 29	Noble & Greenough	away	5-2
Fri., Jan. 31	Middlesex	home	7-0
Wed., Feb. 5	St. Paul's	home	0-7
Wed., Feb. 12	Winsor	away	7-0
Sat., Feb. 15	Groton	home	6-1
Wed., Feb. 19	Milton	home	5-4
Sat., Feb. 22	Interschols	away	13 points
Wed., Feb. 26	Exeter	home	1-6

Girls Punish Middlesex

by Jeff Myers

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Middlesex	7 0
St. Paul's Andover	5 2

Riding on the previous week's string of victories, girls' squash destroyed Middlesex 7-0 on Friday. Nonetheless, they could not keep up the play for this Wednesday when they were beaten badly by St. Paul's.



Middlesex

extremely proud of her, commenting "Liz did a really good job."

Coach Hannah was also pleased with the overall team effort. The last time Andover faced St. Paul's, the Blue came away without winning a game. Players winning games for Andover were No. 4 seeded Lauren Martin '97 (1-3), and No. 7 seed Katherine Smith '98 (1-3).

Last Friday, the team continued the success they had been having all week, and dominated Middlesex 7-0. The Blue simply pounded Middlesex, not losing a single game throughout the match.

However, this display of power wasn't as difficult as it sounds. "It wasn't much of a match," remarked No. 6 seed Rebecca Gumer '97. Hopefully the Blue will get more competition when they travel to Windsor after the long-weekend respite.

The girls struggled against the perennial powerhouse from Concord New Hampshire. Take the match of third seed Liz Adams '97, for instance. She put forth a great effort despite losing 2-3, and Coach Hannah was

Girls

The girls' squash team is off to its best start in recent history with a 3-1 record.

The girls started the season with an extremely impressive win over Tabor in which every girl won her match by a score of 3-0. Two days later, they continued this success at Middlesex, when they once again won by a team score of 7-0. Leading the way for the girls were returning upper sensations Jen Shingleton and

Courtenay Green. These two are the only underclassmen on this senior laden team, but they consistently put in a tremendous effort that usually pays off when match time arrives. Last Wednesday,

the girls traveled to St. Paul's for one of their most difficult matches of the year. Although the team score was 7-0 in favor of St. Paul's, seniors Trang Nguyen, Lauren Martin, Rebecca Gumer, and Natalie Harvey each played well and took a game from their opponents. In addition to the strong play of the bottom four, Coach Frank Hannah noted after the match, "The team is improving rapidly, and we are looking to be in the top ten teams by the end of the season."

The girls did not have much time to think about the loss to St. Paul's because immediately after, they had to play Brooks at a dual meet. In a impressive fashion, the team rebounded and won every single match 3-1. After the match, Captain Liz Adams '97, who won her match 3-0, commented, "A new program of conditioning has and should continue to improve our endurance and conditioning."

The Andover girls' squash team looks to continue their success tomorrow against Exeter, an annual powerhouse in girls' squash. The team experience and hard training ought to lead it to a prosperous season.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

Table	Middlesex	St. Paul's	Brooks
Shingleton	3-0	0-3	3-0
Green	3-0	3-1	3-0
Adams	3-0	0-3	3-0
Nguyen	3-0	1-3	3-0
Martin	3-0	3-1	3-0
Gumer	3-0	3-1	3-0
Harvey	3-0	3-0	3-0

Squash Returns to Form

by Jeff Myers
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Andover	5
Nobles	2



The girls' squash team performed extraordinarily well this week as they posted a big win over Nobles on Wednesday.

Andover thoroughly dominated Nobles, winning the match 5-2. Liz Adams '97, Lauren Martin '97, Trang Nguyen '97, Rebecca Gutner '97, and Courtenay Green '98, posted impressive wins for the Blue.

The most notable match of the day was played by Green, who came back from a 7-2 deficit in a fifth game tie-breaker. Captain Jen Shingleton '98 remarked, "Courtenay played the most amazing match I've seen in a long time." Coach Hannah was impressed with the squad's play commenting, "There was inspirational play by everyone."

Last Friday, the girls were scheduled to play Tufts, however, the opponents were unable to make the trip to PA.

This Friday, the girls will be set to take on Middlesex at 2:00.

ANDOVER	
	Nobles
Shingleton	0-3
Green	3-2
Adams	3-1
Martin	3-1
Trang	3-2
Gutner	3-0
Bramowitz	0-3

Andover-Girls	3
Exeter	4
Andover-Girls	3
Groton	2

Girls' Squash

Last Saturday, the Andover girls' squash team lost a tight match 4-3 to Exeter. Pulling out wins for the Blue were Captain Liz Adams '97, Rebecca Gutner '97, and Melissa Bramowitz '98.

Despite the loss, the squad felt they played well. "A 3-4 result against Exeter is incredible, seeing as they have traditionally been a much better team than us. We're looking forward to playing them again later in the season. I think then we can pull off a win," commented senior Rebecca Gutner.

Added Jen Shingleton '98, "This is a good indication of how we've improved since last year. The bottom of the ladder is much stronger than that of many teams we play, giving us a good advantage. With a 4-2 record, Andover girls' squash is doing much better than in previous years."

Girls' Squash Overcomes Groton, Milton

by Rebecca Gutner
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
Milton	3
Andover	6
Groton	1



The girls continued their amazing season with two victories over Milton and Groton.

Groton

This past Saturday, the Andover girls' squash team played Groton, a team which gave them few worries

earlier in the season. Winning six of the seven matches with clean victories, the Blue brought their record to an astounding 9-3, the best record the Andover girls have had in years.

Milton

However, the highlight of the week was the girls' home match against Milton on Wednesday. Number one Jen Shingleton '98 played first, along with Captain Liz Adams '97, Trang Nguyen '97, and Katie Smith '98. The Milton opponents of Shingleton and Adams lived up to their reputation, defeating both Andover girls 3-0. On the other hand, Smith played a flawless match win-

ning 3-0, while Nguyen took her opponent to a fifth game and pulled out a 3-2 win. Going into the second round of matches tied at two apiece, three matches remained to decide the victory. While Lauren Martin '97 fell to her opponent 0-3, Rebecca Gutner '97 battled back from a 0-1 deficit to win 3-1. However, the match of the day was the final and deciding victory of Courtenay Green '98. After Green lost the first two games, it appeared that Milton might come away with a victory, but after a pep talk from Coach Hannah she returned to the court and won the next two games. This was the second match of the day to go to a fifth game, and Green overcame her exhaustion with some of the

best playing of the day, giving her Milton opponent few chances to win points. Thus the Big Blue squeezed out an unprecedented 4-3 victory against Milton, proving that they will be ready to make a good show at Interschols this coming weekend. Jen Shingleton remarked, "Since Milton has had an exceptional season, we knew they were going to be one of our toughest matches. I feel confident that we have shown the league what kind of squash Andover can play."

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS		
	Milton	Groton
Shingleton	0-3	0-3
Green	3-2	3-0
Adams	0-3	3-0
Martin	0-3	3-1
Nguyen	3-2	3-1
Gutner	3-1	3-0
Smith	3-0	3-0



Courtenay Green '98 whips a backhand

Photo / J. Mitchell

Squash Falters Against Exeter

by Christopher Lee
PHILLIPIAN MANAGING EDITOR

Exeter	6
Andover	1



The girls' squash team had a tumultuous week, full of painfully close defeats and a bit of sad news. Placing ninth at Interschols and suffering a lopsided loss to Exeter, the Blue finished a generally good season with a tough finale.

Interschols

From a field of nearly thirty competitors, PA finished a respectable ninth place. Lauren Martin '97, the number four seed, was the highlight of the tournament, smashing her way to the finals of the consolation round. Though these post-season matchups gathered squash teams from all over New England and presented the Blue with challenging competition, Saturdays Interschols were only a warm-up for the Blue's

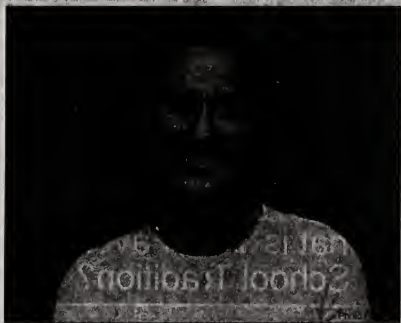
toughest adversary: the Griffins of Exeter.

Exeter

As the team prepared for their arch rival from New Hampshire, the PA squash learned of some sad news. Frank Hannah, Flagstaff cluster dean and esteemed squash coach, informed his team that the Exeter match would be his last as head coach. Though the contest had much sentimental value, the match was a tough one for the Blue, who fell 1-6 to Exeter.

Although the final tally signals a total Exeter domination, the girls in Blue truly did put up a fight. The outcome could have gone either way, for three of the matches—including that of Liz Adams '97, Lauren Martin '97, and Katie Smith '98, came down to the fifth and final game. Rebecca Gutner '97, the Big Blue's lone victor, commented: The score does not really reflect the match. Five of the seven matches could have gone either way, and I'm just proud we gave Exeter, the third place team at Interschols, a really tough match.

Jen Shingleton '98



by Jeff Myers
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

For the past two years, Jen Shingleton has been a dedicated member of the girls' squash team. Finishing 10-4 on the season, the girls could always depend on Shingleton, who played in the No. 1 spot for the Blue for the second season in a row.

However, the sport of squash hasn't always come naturally to this sweet-stroking Upper. Shingleton, who has always been a frequent tennis player, had never played squash before attending PA. She decided to play squash because "it was another racket sport and it looked like fun." After playing on JV2 at the beginning of her Junior year, she eventually worked her way up to JV.

Junior year was a prosperous one, and Jen worked hard during the summer, ultimately rewarded with a No. 5 spot on the varsity squad for her lower year. Just as she did in her Junior year, she moved up the ladder, and eventually attained the No. 1 spot, which she has kept ever since. Although her play was inconsistent at times during lower year, Shingleton still was always a tough opponent.

After the fruitful season, it was to no surprise that Shingleton, once again, played a great deal over the summer months, working the kinks out of her already solid game. "I would say I'm more consistent this year than I was last year," she said. She also attended numerous squash camps over the summer.

However, individual success doesn't mean as much to Shingleton as the success of her team. An unselfish teammate, Jen often dodged questions about her own success, preferring to discuss the achievements of her teammates. When asked about Interschols, Shingleton, not surprisingly, talked about everyone save herself. She remarked, "Courtenay Green '98 played really well for us." When asked about Jen's impact on the team, Coach Frank Hannah immediately remarked: "Jen is completely dedicated to the team."

According to Shingleton, the highlight of the year came midway through the season on January 25, when the Blue squared off against perennial

powerhouse Milton Academy. Coming into the match undefeated, Milton looked to breeze past PA. However, Shingleton and her squad upset Milton, handing it its only defeat of the year. "That was, by far, our best match of the season. I was really pleased with the way our team played," recalled Shingleton.

Another memorable moment took place at Interschols. Placing tenth out of twenty-four teams, the Girls were very pleased with their performance. Unfortunately, Jen was defeated in the second round. "We played well, and were satisfied with our results," recalls Shingleton.

In her spare time, Jen enjoys playing the flute, though she is not in an orchestra. An honor roll student, she is also a member of the girls' varsity B tennis team. Next fall, Jen plans on applying early decision to Princeton University, where she would like to continue her squash career.

With continuous improvement throughout her career, one can only ponder what Shingleton's results will be next year. Though expectations are high, there will be some tough obstacles the team must face. Coach Frank Hannah will be departing from the team after eighteen seasons as Girls' Squash Coach. Also, the Blue will need to replace four players on next year's roster, for only the top two players aren't seniors.

Andover is in a tough conference with many talented players. And to be successful, a team must have great depth, something the girls will need to take advantage of if they are to be competitive. In Shingleton's final season, she would like to see her team play solid matches against teams such as Exeter and St. Paul's, who are very strong. Another formidable task will be to replace Coach Hannah. With no replacement in mind, Shingleton hopes for "someone who has experience."

Experience was something that Coach Hannah had an abundance of.

When next year's season rolls around, Jen Shingleton will be as focused as anyone on the squash court. With three year's of varsity experience, Shingleton will, hopefully, be able to guide her team far into the Interscholastic tournament.

Girls' Squash Rebounds

by Courtenay Green
SPECIAL TO THE PHILLIPIAN



This winter, the Andover girls' squash team had one of its best seasons in recent history. Finishing with a solid 10-4 record, the team succumbed only to the extremely powerful squads from Exeter and St. Paul's.

Coming into the season, no one on the team knew what to expect after the previous year's mediocre record. However, after several matches, the girls were pleasantly surprised, discovering that Andover ranked among the top few teams in the area.

This year's varsity team consisted of four uppers and five seniors: Jerl Shingleton '98, Courtenay Green '98, Elizabeth Adams '97, Lauren Martin '97, Trang Nguyen '97, Katie Smith '98, Melissa Bramowitz '98, and Natalie Harvey '97. Adams showed excellent leadership skills as the captain of the team this year.

The first two games proved to be easy wins for Andover's powerful team. Both Tabor and Brooks were routed 7-0, and the Andover girls prepared for some of their more difficult matches.

After a tough loss to St. Paul's, the Big Blue once again came out victorious over Middlesex and Tufts JV. More difficult matches caused no trouble for the team, as Andover not only went on to defeat the tough Groton players twice, but also overcame the previously undefeated Milton girls in a thrilling 4-3 victory.

Andover's Girls' Squash Team Bounces Back with Very Impressive 10-4 Season After a Mediocre 1995-1996 Campaign

This match proved to be a turning point, for it gave the team more confidence in its ability to overcome difficult opponents. Some other highlights include a narrow victory over Nobles and an extremely close match against Exeter.

Teams like Middlesex were easily defeated when played a second time later in the season.

With Coach Frank Hannah's assistance, the team improved steadily over the season, not only developing better racket skills, but also becoming closely bonded as a team. By the end of the season, the team's top five players packed up and headed for Interschols at Yale.

More than twenty-five schools joined them there, and the girls knew they would have some tough matches ahead of them. Playing for the number one position, Jen Shingleton won her first match but was defeated by the Groton #1 player in the second round.

Courtenay Green, playing #2, was seeded fifth at Interschols and made it to the third round where she was defeated by an opponent from Exeter.

Liz Adams, playing #3, and Trang Nguyen, playing #5, were defeated in the second round, but Lauren Martin, playing #4, advanced to the consolation finals for her di-

vision. Although she lost in the final match, she had an extremely successful day at Yale. All in all, the girls finished in the top ten schools, an extremely impressive feat for the Andover team.

Returning home, the team played one last match against Exeter. Although Andover lost the match, the team was consoled by their excellent final record of 10-4. Individually, nearly every player had a winning season.

As for next year, the team sees a fairly bright future. Although five seniors are leaving, the team will still have four remaining players, led by next year's captain Courtenay Green.

Also, the JV team was extremely strong this year, and hopefully, some of the players will easily fill in the missing spaces on the varsity team.

Unfortunately, Coach Hannah announced at the last game that he would be retiring from his position as head coach. Although a new coach has yet to be chosen, the team is confident that next year's season will be unaffected by the change. However, everyone will most certainly miss Coach Hannah, who has led the team for more than ten sensational years.

Still, after this year's success, the team is extremely enthusiastic about an equal if not better '97-'98 season.

SPORT: BOYS SWIMMING

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: NICHOLAS VANTZELFDE
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: PETER WASHBURN
ASSISTANT COACHES: RAJ MUNDRA

SEASON RECORD

WON 7 LOST 3 TIED 5th at Interschool

LETTER WINNERS

Swimming -BV
Anderman, Todd D. C.
Blitzer, James S.
Chen, Christopher P.
Chu, James S.
Der Ananian, Jason S.
Divakaruni, Nikhilesh V
Dunn, Edward W.
Durkin, Thomas J., Jr.
Evans, Collin T.
Loh, Jeffrey T.
Moger, Nathaniel Y.
Neathery, Derek T.
Platt, Piers A. J.
Seymour, Bradford D.
Thomas, John B.
Vantzelfde, Nathan H.
Vantzelfde, Nicholas *(J)*
Washburn, Hunter D.

BOYS SWIMMING

Dec. 7	Choate	away	scrimmage
Sat., Jan. 11	Loomis Chaffee	away	86-99
Wed., Jan. 15	Lincoln Sudbury	home	94-82
Sat., Jan. 18	Suffield/Loomis	away	75-22 Suffield 63-38 Loomis
Sat., Jan. 25	Deerfield	home	103-80
Wed., Jan. 29	New England Barracoudas	home	105-63
Wed., Feb. 5	Worcester	away	45-41
Sat., Feb. 15	Hopkins	away	79-104
Wed., Feb. 19	Exeter	home	62-123
Sat., Feb. 22	N.M.H.	away	107-72
Sat., Mar 1	Interschols at Exeter		5th

Boys Fall To Loomis-Chaffee

by Todd Anderman and Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Loomis Chaffee	99
Andover	87

Coming off a fourth place finish at the 1996 New England Championships, at which Loomis edged the Blue for third, Andover's boys swim team had some large holes to fill left by a potent senior class of 1996. Things were looking up for Andover showed its new, young talents by defeating Choate Rosemary Hall's boys in a close scrimmage win prior to winter break.

The same talented, youthful crew showed up on Saturday, but the Loomis Pelicans managed to slide by the Blue in a close meet that afternoon. In spite of the driving two and one-half hour bus ride to the Benjamin Van Doren Hodges Pool in Windsor, CT, the mighty Blue were focused on swimming fast. Although the Blue started solid and finished strong, the experience and age of the Loomis squad provided the Pelicans with the advantage needed to overcome the powerful Blue.

Andover began the day with an exceptional showing in the 200m medley relay, with both relay teams scoring valuable points. Derek Neathery '97, a one year senior, had a strong 200m freestyle, placing second, and won the 500m freestyle (5:45.41). Todd Anderman '99 won the sprint freestyle (50m) by a small margin of

0.02 seconds (26.29); and finished a close second in the 100m freestyle. Leading by two points entering the 1m springboard diving event, Loomis compiled valuable placed points by sweeping the competition. Mike Rechnitz '00 showed great potential with a solid fourth place finish during his Andover debut.

Andover had impressive relay finishes throughout the meet, accredited to seniors Jason DerAnanian, Captain Nick Vantzeldé and Neathery. T.J. Durkin '99 blew the field away in the 100m backstroke (1:02.51), but the Loomis Pelicans managed to place all three of their entrants in scoring positions. Andover excelled in the 100m breaststroke with Chris Chen '99 placing first (1:13.49) and Collin Evans '99 touching out Loomis' top entrant for second place (1:16.54).

Loomis clinched the victory before the final relay (400m freestyle), but the Andover quartet consisting of Durkin, Neathery, Vantzeldé and Anderman dominated the Loomis team. Last year, at the New England Championships, Loomis touched out Andover in this very event delivering the decisive blow.

After a Wednesday afternoon home affair against Lincoln-Sudbury, Andover's next meet pits the capable Blue against both Suffield and Hotchkiss in three-way bout at Suffield. Big Blue's underclass strength combined with the experience of a guiding senior class shows great capacity for a successful season.

Boys' Swimming Drowns Hotchkiss and Suffield

by Todd Anderman and Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

After suffering a close loss to the Loomis Chaffee Pelicans last weekend, Andover manhandled the Suffield Academy Tigers and dealt a severe loss to the Hotchkiss School boys' varsity swim team. The unstoppable Blue were looking impressive as they captured victory in all but two events.

Andover showed its strong team elements in each of the three relay events. In the first event of the day, the 200 yard medley relay, the team consisting of T.J. Durkin '99, Chris Cheh '99, Brenner Thomas '98 and Captain Nick Vantzeldé '97 posted a season best time of 1:46.10. The 200 yard freestyle relay team, composed of Thomas, Jason DerAnanian '97, Vantzeldé and Todd Anderman '99,

annihilated the worthy competition (1:36.96). In the final event of the afternoon, the 400 yard freestyle relay, Andover exhibited its superiority when the team including Thomas, Anderman, Durkin and long distance specialist Derek Neathery '97 once again demolished the remainder of the field (3:28.76).

Thomas, a part of all three winning relay teams, also had an impressive showing in the 100 yard butterfly (57.63). Durkin enjoyed a commanding win in the 200 yard freestyle, finishing with a personal best time of 1:51.24, and placed second in the 100 yard backstroke (56.21). In the 1m springboard diving event, Mike Rechnitz '00 gave a stellar performance, capturing second place and scoring well over 150 points, a personal best.

Other spectacular individual per-

formances were turned in by Neathery, who had an excellent day, winning both the 200 yard individual medley (2:05.76) and the 500 yard freestyle (5:08.75).

Displaying their tremendous sprinting capacities, Anderman and Vantzeldé combined for a one two sweep in the 50 yard freestyle (23.80, 23.92). In the 100 yard breaststroke, Chen dominated (1:05.27) while Collin Evans '99 finished a close second.

Tomorrow, the boys face off against swimming rival Deerfield Academy at home beginning at 2:30 PM. Strong in the past, Deerfield should provide a challenge for the Blue. But taking into account the recent surge of talent for Andover, the boys expect a convincing win this coming Saturday.

Blue Sinks



The Blue had a great start to their meet against Deerfield and they never looked back.

Photo / O. Mark

by Todd Anderman and Collin Evans

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	105
Deerfield	80

The boys continued to show their superiority in the pool by defeating Deerfield Academy. Until the recent surge of talent from the Phillips Exeter squad, Deerfield dominated the world of New England swimming, winning twenty-seven consecutive New England swimming championships. This provided Andover with the necessary inspiration to perform at their full potential on Saturday afternoon.

Andover's relays, traditionally strong, once again demonstrated their excellence, winning every event except one.

Derek Neathery '99 prevailed in the 200 yard individual medley (2:05.33), extending his winning streak and earning valuable points for the Big Blue. Later, Durkin and Neathery combined for a one-two sweep in the 100 yard backstroke (56.14, 57.36 respectively).

In the last event before the diving intermission, the Blue swept second, third and fourth place through the combined efforts of Vahzelsfde, Todd Anderman '99 and Jason DerAnanlian

'97 (23.74, 23.80, 24.22 respectively). Deerfield's post graduate diver then scored an impressive 293.05, coming dangerously close to Andover's pool record for 1m springboard diving.

Leading by a mere point entering the second portion of the meet, the boys had an excellent showing in the 100 yard butterfly. Brenner Thomas and Jay Blitzer '99 hit Deerfield hard with a one-two punch (56.49, 1:01.27). Chris Chen defeated Deerfield's runner-up (1:05.49), who also touched out Collin Evans '99 for second place.

The pinnacle of the boys' accomplishments came in the final event of the afternoon, the highly anticipated 400 yard freestyle relay. Typically strong for Andover, the team composed of Thomas, Neathery, Anderman and Durkin posted a phenomenal season best time of 3:25.99. Trailing Deerfield by a substantial margin entering the third leg of the race, the Blue made an impressive comeback.

The boys enjoyed their win on Saturday but plan to practice hard over the next two weeks in preparation for Worcester Academy next Wednesday. Last year Andover wrecked the team from Worcester in a convincing manner and hope to do the same next week.

Swim Review

by Todd Anderman and Colin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



With an astonishing 7-1 record, the boys' varsity swimming team has already exceeded pre-season expectations.

Leading the way for Andover's young rising stars is the Lower class of 1999. With strong showings from T.J. Durkin, Todd Anderman, Chris Chen, Collin Evans, Jay Blitzer and Teddy Dunn, the Blue look poised for a shot at the New England title two years from now.

Also contributing to Andover's success thus far are the equally talented but less numerous upper and junior classes. With impressive performances from Brenner Thomas '98, Piers Platt '98, Nick Divakaruni '98, Nat Moger '00, Hunter Washburn '00, Brad Seymour '00 and a temporarily injured

Nate Vantzelfde '00, the Blue should be in good position for the 1997-98 season.

The team would of course be amorphous without the strong leadership provided by the Senior class of 1997. Four year seniors James Chu and Jason DerAnanian continue to perform well. An unforeseen addition to this year's squad is long distance specialist Derek Neathery. Rounding out the robust senior class is Captain Nick Vantzelfde, also a sprinting specialist. As Coach Pete Washburn stated, "The Senior class exemplifies the honorable demeanor and work ethic that the Academy strives to teach its students."

Two out of the three teams that beat Andover last year at Interschols still remain on Andover's taxing schedule. With Exeter on February 19, and Hopkins on the 15, the Blue still have ample opportunity to equal last year's excellent record, which included a loss to Exeter.

Boys look to NEPSACs

by Todd Anderman and Colin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Hopkins	99
Andover	89
Exeter	124
Andover	62



This past week was definitely the most difficult of the year for the Big Blue, facing New England Swimming's run-in-up Hopkins last Saturday and defending champion, Exeter, on Wednesday. The boys met and exceeded their expectations in each meet, although they suffered two losses. On a positive note, several season best times were recorded by Andover swimmers:

Hopkins

The boys made the trek to New Haven, Connecticut on Saturday with

revenge on their minds. Last year, Hopkins delivered an impressive showing at the Interscholastic Championships, finishing second. But, this year, after losing its captain and best swimmer, Hopkins appeared to be in a vulnerable state.

Excellent personal achievements came in from Chris Chen '99 (100 breaststroke), the lately injured junior, Nate Vantzelfde '99, and lower sensation TJ Durkin '99 (200 freestyle). Na. Vantzelfde added his potent speed to the blue line up, taking part in a victorious 200 yard freestyle relay team. This team consisting of Na. Vantzelfde, Todd Anderman '99, captain Nick Vantzelfde '97, and Durkin won by the slimmest of possible margins, .01 seconds, with a season best time of 1:33.15. Unfortunately, these accomplishments were overshadowed by Hopkins' phenomenal team performance.

Exeter

The ever powerful Exeter Griffins

came to Andover for the annual Andover/Exeter contest on Wednesday afternoon. With an Exeter victory almost inevitable, the Blue seized the opportunity to post competitive seed times for the upcoming Interschols. As expected, Exeter dominated throughout, claiming victory in every event except two.

Exeter's Jamie Waters '97 finished with a pool and Andover/Exeter record in the 100 yard backstroke (51.81). The Vantzelfde brothers, captain Nick and junior phenom Nate, combined with Durkin and Anderman for the crowning achievement of the afternoon, a pool record in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:32.36).

This Saturday, Andover will travel to NMH to tune up for the NEPSAC championships, which are a week from tomorrow. Hard work throughout the season will hopefully pay off on March 1 at Exeter, for the success of the boys' season will hinge on their performance at this competition.

Swimming Drowns the Hoggars

by Todd Anderman and Colin Evans

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



BOYS SWIMMING

This past Saturday, the boys journeyed to western Massachusetts to battle the Northfield Mount Hermon Hoggars, ultimately winning 109-72. The meet was a good opportunity for Andover's swimmers to compete in off events without jeopardizing valuable place points.

The domination began with the 200 yard individual medley, with Piers Platt '98 seizing victory (2:16.42.) NMH brought only one strong swimmer who dominated in the 50 yard freestyle and edged out T.J. Durkin '99 in the 100 yard freestyle. The meet was highlighted by the Blue's performance in the 200 yard freestyle relay, with the team consisting of Nate Vantzelfde '00, Ni. Vantzelfde, Todd Anderman '99 and Durkin, finishing with a season best.

Tomorrow, the boys will leave for Interschols. The Blue has many individual hopefuls, but its true strength lies in its relays. With scoring expected from all sides of the team, Saturday's meet should prove to be a real test of Andover's strong team spirit.

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Derek Neathery '97

by Todd Anderman and Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

At eight weeks of age, Derek Neathery '97, an NCAA Division I hopeful, first took to the water. At that time, Neathery certainly had no idea of where he would end up swimming; growing up near Lake Michigan, he was accustomed to recreational swimming as a daily summertime activity.

After swimming for a local park team at age six, Neathery's interest in swimming led his parents to sign him up for the local Lake Forest Swim Club. In his early United States Swimming participation, Neathery had an affinity for the backstroke, excelling in the 100 yard event. As his career progressed, Neathery moved on to the

longer distance events. Now, the 1650 yard freestyle, the longest event in meet competition, and the challenging 400 yard Individual Medley have become his favorite events. Neither of these events are offered in high school competition.

There is a very common saying among swimmers, "Half of morning practice is showing up." Neathery, however, has demonstrated immense dedication, sharpening his skills and improving his performance at every turn. His commitment to becoming as fast as possible has given him outstanding work ethic and attitude. Part of the allure of a tough practice is the companionship, and Neathery's magnetism has certainly influenced the remainder of the Andover team. Recently, he noted that, "The most enjoyable part of swimming is the last

two weeks of the season. The preparation, tapering and shaving, and end of season improvement are what swimming is all about. Keep in mind swimming is a very individual sport; a personal best carries at least the significance of a win.

"The hardest part of competing is stepping up to race someone your own speed, especially in the last five yards of a race. There is a certain pressure associated with this type of match-up,

dents."

Saturday was an excruciatingly long day for the Blue, especially for Neathery, who was undoubtedly Andover's top performer on the day, placing fourth in each of his events. Because the IM was the second event of the preliminary trials and the 500 was to be swum as timed finals at night, Neathery was left with ample recuperation time in between sessions. Neathery's preparation proved to be

beneficial when Neathery shaved a second off of his prelim time, finishing with a time only a tenth of a second behind the school record. He also came in with a season-best 4:49.72 in the 500. His distance ability was clearly evident when Neathery made a back half attempt at the leading pair in the 500.

As for his future endeavors, Neathery plans to continue his swimming at

Brown University. He looks forward to striving to reach to his potential and competing at the national level.

However, Neathery plans to give up swimming at some point. He notes, "College presents an excellent opportunity to accomplish many things." Neathery plans to earn his degree in English and would like to teach secondary school English. Neathery hopes that swimming will remain an integral part of his life, as he says, "There's much more to swimming than the competition. I've met a lot of really cool people through the sport and learned many invaluable life skills. The most important thing swimming has given me is the mental toughness needed to accomplish what I set my mind to."



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unrivaled in sports."

Neathery had a consistent and successful season that culminated in an excellent performance at NEPSACs. In every meet, Neathery swam the same two events, the 200 yard individual medley and the 500 yard freestyle, usually winning both. These events require the most conditioning and preparation.

Throughout the season, Neathery's performance in both the 200 IM and 500 freestyle often provided the extra boost required to edge out many strong opponents. Neathery also exhibited his dedication to the team at every practice, as he served as a role model for many of the team's younger members. As Coach Pete Washburn said, "Neathery exemplifies the non sibi demeanor and work ethic that the Academy strives to instill in its stu-



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Phillips Academy Andover, MA

Swim meet held today, 2/5/97
Score: Phillips 45 vs. Worcester 41 circle one: Girls Boys

Top Phillips Finishers: (place in parentheses) Academy

200 Medley Relay (2) Neathery, Evans, Thomas, Vantzelfde Nick
1:47.87

200 Free (1) Durkin 1:50.03 (2) Dunn 2:01.66

200 Ind. Medley (2) Neathery 2:05.50

50 Free (3) Nick Vantzelfde 24.06

Diving —

100 Butterfly (1) Thomas 56.73

100 Free (2) Nick Vantzelfde 54.26

500 Free (1) Neathery 5:03.78

200 Free Relay (1) Durkin, Thomas, DerAnanian, Vantzelfde Nick
1:34.44

100 Back (2) Durkin 55.70

100 Breast (2) Evans 1:07.73

400 Free Relay (1) Thomas, Neathery, Blitzer, Durkin
3:26.28

next meet: 2/15 2:00 Hopkins School CT.
date time opponent location
current record: 7 1 0
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Sportfax

Phillips Academy
Andover, MA

Swim meet held today, 2-15-97
Score: Phillips 79 vs. Hopkins 104 circle one: Girls Boys

Top Phillips Finishers: (place in parentheses)

200 Medley Relay (2) Neathery, Chen, Thomas, Nick Vantzelfd.
1:44.68

200 Free (2) Durkin 1:46.07

200 Ind. Medley (2) Neathery 2:07.06

50 Free (2) Anderman 23.92

Diving (2) Rechnitz

100 Butterfly (2) Thomas 56.42

100 Free (3) Anderman 53.35

500 Free (3) Seymour 5:38.04

200 Free Relay (1) Vantzelfd (Nick), Anderman,
Vantzelfd (Nick), Durkin 1:33.15

100 Back (2) Neathery 57.44

100 Breast (1) Chen 1:04.48

400 Free Relay (2) Thomas Neathery Anderman Durkin
3:26.52

next meet: 2/19/97 330 Exeter Andover
date time opponent location
current record: 7 - 2 - 0
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Boys' Swimming Takes Fifth in New Englands

by Todd Anderman and Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



At the beginning of the 1997 season, not much was expected of the young Andover boys' swimming team. After losing several strong members of the 1996 team, including All-American Rush Taylor '96, the Blue expected a rebuilding year. But Coach Pete Washburn found something completely different. He found a team that worked well together both in and out of the pool, and a team that is a strong contender for next year's title. "I was thoroughly impressed with the stellar performances provided throughout the season, especially by the underclassmen," commented Captain Nick Vantzelfde '97. Although these underclass swimmers were valuable to the team, the leadership and continuity provided by the outgoing senior class was the true driving force behind this team's success.

Although the team lost to Loomis-Chaffee by a slight margin in its season opener, the Blue used its opening meet to set the stage for many impressive personal performances. Derek Neathery '98's '97 second place performance in the 200m freestyle and Todd Anderman's '99 victory in the 50m freestyle provided the Blue with valuable place points. The Blue struggled in the 1m springboard diving event, although Andover's traditionally strong relay teams finished well, with the team consisting of T.J. Durkin '99, Neathery, Vantzelfde, and Anderman blowing the Pelicans away in the 400m freestyle relay.

Andover's next affair pitted the powerful Blue against both Hotchkiss and Suffield in a tri-meet at Suffield. Crushing both teams, the Blue took advantage of another opportunity to establish fast seed times for the upcoming New England Swimming Championships. Andover's relays again dominated, with Durkin, Chris Chen '99, Captain-Elect Brenner Thomas '98, and Ni. Vantzelfde winning the 200 yard medley relay, Thomas, Jason DerAnanian '97, Vantzelfde and Anderman winning the 200 yard freestyle relay, and Thomas, Anderman, Durkin and Neathery winning the 400 yard freestyle relay. Strong individual performances also came from Chen and Collin Evans '99, who took first and second place in the 100 yard breaststroke.

The Blue next stepped up to challenge traditionally strong Deerfield Academy. Neathery again turned in a stellar performance, winning the 200 yard medley relay and taking a close second to Durkin in the 100 yard backstroke. In the 50 yard freestyle, the Blue swept second, third and fourth place through the combined efforts of Vantzelfde, Anderman and DerAnanian. Thomas and Jay Blitzer '99 hit Deerfield hard with a one-two punch in the 100 yard butterfly, while Chen and Evans did the same in the 100 yard breaststroke. Once again, the Andover's 400 yard freestyle relay team composed of Thomas, Neathery, Anderman and Durkin posted a phenomenal season-best time.

The next challenge saw the Big Blue facing an excellent Hopkins team, and, although suffering a close loss, the Blue again turned in many impressive individual performances. Chen won once again in the 100 yard breaststroke, while Nate Vantzelfde '00 returned from the disabled list with a strong showings

in several events, while Durkin dominated in the 200 yard freestyle. Nate Vantzelfde also joined the 200 yard freestyle relay, where he, Anderman, Nick Vantzelfde and Durkin won by .01 seconds, en route to a season-best time. Unfortunately, these impressive accomplishments were overshadowed by Hopkins' phenomenal team performance. That very weekend, Andover faced off against rival Exeter, a traditionally strong team. The Griffins crushed the Blue, claiming victory in every event except two. Despite an impressive showing from Durkin, Anderman and the brothers Vantzelfde in the 200 yard freestyle relay, Exeter's strength and depth proved too much for the young Blue.

The last meet before the highly anticipated NEPSAC championships pitted Andover against the traditionally weak Northfield Mount-Hermon Hoggers. Although the Blue crushed the Hoggers by a wide margin, the meet provided a good opportunity for Andover's swimmers to compete in off events without jeopardizing valuable place points. The slaughter began with the 200 yard individual medley, with Piers Platt '98 seizing victory and Nick Vantzelfde and Chen finishing close behind. NMH had but one strong swimmer who dominated in the 50 yard freestyle and edged out Durkin in the 100 yard freestyle. The only event taken seriously by the Blue was the 200 yard freestyle relay, with the team consisting of Nate Vantzelfde, Nick Vantzelfde, Anderman and Durkin finishing with a season best, also bettering last year's championship relay team's time.

The final meet of the season was the New England Interscholastic Swimming Championships, held at Exeter. While the Blue finished fifth overall, many individuals placed well and achieved personal best times. Neathery once again shined, taking fourth in both of his events. In the 200 yard individual medley, Neathery was less than .2 seconds off of Taylor's school record. Neathery, a Phillipian Athlete of the Term, commented on his overall swimming experience: "There's much more to swimming than the competition and physicality. I've met a lot of really cool people through the sport and learned many invaluable life skills. The most important thing swimming has given me is the mental toughness needed to accomplish what I set my mind to." In the 100 yard butterfly, Thomas grabbed second place, finishing the highest of any of his teammates. Durkin's several high place finishes provided the Blue with valuable place points, while Chen and Evans both placed well in the 100 yard breaststroke. But as in the past, Andover's relay teams proved to be the driving force behind the Blue's success. In the 200 yard medley relay, Neathery, Chen, Thomas and DerAnanian placed third, while in the 200 yard freestyle relay, DerAnanian, Nick Vantzelfde, Anderman and Durkin came in with another third place finish. "The improvement realized at NEPSACs was mind-boggling! This senior class is leaving the team in good hands, and they should be poised and ready to capture next year's title," commented DerAnanian on the season.

And with that, yet another season came to a dramatic close. While the team lost a great deal of talent to the graduating class of 1997, the future looks bright for Andover's young squad. Leading the team next year will be Brenner Thomas '98, whose leadership has already been seen in his uncompromising team spirit. Best of luck to the class of 1997.

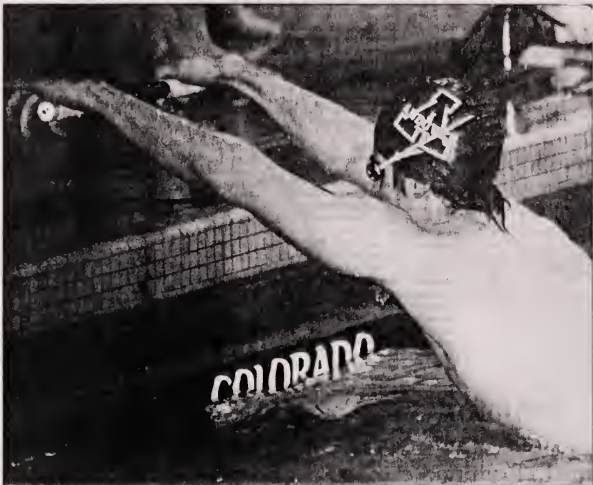


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Above: Derek Neathery readies himself to compete in the backstroke. The post-graduate was instrumental in the team's success this season. His dominance in the pool earned Neathery Athlete of the Term honors in the winter.

Girls Claim Fourth, Boys Place Fifth

Andover Swimmers Shatter Personal Bests At Interschols

by Caitlin Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



By waking up at close to six in the morning and heading over to the Andover pool for an early warm-up, the

Andover swim teams began a day filled with swimming and competition which would test their endurance, strength, and team spirit. Interschols, the most important meet of the season, is what the Andover swim teams have been focusing on and training for since November. Held at Exeter this year, Interschols is a two day event, with boys competing on Saturday followed by the girls on Sunday, requiring the swimmers to race in both trials and finals. After swimming in the morning at trials, the swimmers with the top sixteen times are invited back to swim again at night in two heats of eight; the consolation heat and the final heat. Lasting for 13 hours, Interschols is very taxing; however, this year's meet proved rewarding for both the boys' and the girls' teams.

Boys

The boys, with their excellent regular season record, were in good shape as they headed to Exeter Saturday. As expected, in the trials portion of the meet the boys swam extremely well, putting them in the position to score huge points at night. One of the many Andover swimmers who was seeded well after trials, TJ Durkin '99, won his 100 free, beating powerhouses from schools such as Exeter and NMH. Trials completed, the boys took a short break for lunch and a rest, and then headed into finals, ready to swim again. Strong from the start, the Andover 200 medley relay placed an impressive third. Inspired by this impressive beginning, Derek Neathery '97 swam his way to a fourth place finish in the 200 IM. Neathery also came from behind in his 500 freestyle, receiving fourth again by a mere second. Durkin, who in the 100 free at night earned himself a third place medal, only .07 seconds away from first, also placed fourth in the 100 backstroke. Brenner Thomas '98, stood on the second place podium after his swim in the 100 fly, winning major points for the team. Andover's squad of experienced freestylers, Jason DerAnnannian '97 and Nick Vanzelft '97, both swam very well at night, DerAnnannian, cutting a second off his time received thirteenth place in the 50 free, just touching out his teammate, who placed fourteenth. In the 100 free,

DerAnnannian clocked a time good enough to earn him fourteenth place. The Andover breaststrokers, Chris Chen '99 and Colin Evans '99, achieved seventh and ninth respectively. Concluding the day with a fifth place finish in the 400 freestyle relay, the boys swim team accumulated enough points to obtain fifth place. All in all, the boys had a remarkable season with personal bests, especially at Interschols, abounding.

Girls

The Andover girls' swim team, despite losses to injuries, was able to pull together for their concluding meet and fare extremely well. From the beginning girls Interschols was destined to be great. Feeling strong and rested, the swimmers headed to Exeter on Sunday excited and ready to swim. At trials, where over half of the team qualified to swim again at night, numerous swimmers swam their way to personal bests. The night swimming started off with the relay team of Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98 cutting over two seconds off their previous best to set a new school record in the 200 medley by .04 seconds. Still psyched from the positive relay results, Murphy went on

to a fourth place finish in the 200 freestyle. The individual medley powerhouses, Emma Soichet '98, Schoen, and Connors, finished seventh, ninth, and twelfth respectively. Richardson, in an extremely fast field of 50 freestylers, managed to hold her own and finish fifteenth. In the 100 fly, Caroline Pollak received a fourteenth place finish while Schoen added an eighth place medal to her collection. The 500 freestylers both swam personal bests with Pollak finishing thirteenth and Murphy touching third. Kate Connors swam the 100 back, receiving fifth. The threesome of breaststrokers, Annie Lux '98, Zoe Niarchos '98, and Soichet, all swam in the consolation heat. Lux stroked her way to a fifteenth place finish while Niarchos cut three seconds off her time to place thirteenth, and Soichet earned twelfth. The final relay team of Angie Wong '97, Rebecca Greenberg '97, Soichet and Murphy finished off the day well, achieving fifth place. Thanks to the points accumulated by all the swimmers and the divers who all finished in the top ten (Ashley Murray '97 earning tenth, Kristen Moon '98 receiving seventh, Christy Tucker '98 placing sixth, and Greenberg finishing in fifth), the Andover team ended up fourth overall.



The girls 200 medley relay team poses for a picture after setting a new school record.

Photo / P. Murphy

SPORT: GIRLS SWIMMING

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: CAITLIN MURPHY
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: PAUL MURPHY
ASSISTANT COACHES: Kathryn Lucier

SEASON RECORD *4th at Interlocks*

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LETTER WINNERS

Swimming - GV
Anderson, Elizabeth G.
Connors, Kate E.
Dixon, Colleen B.
Ferranti, Allison S.
Greenberg, Rebecca L.
Larson, Katharine
Lind, Mary L.
Lux, Annie F.
Moon, Kristin E.
Murphy, Caitlin S. (C)
Murray, Ashley E.
Niarchos, Zoe B.
Noonan, Patrick R.
O'Connor, Caitlin
O'Donoghue, Beibhinn M.
Pollak, Caroline
Richardson, Christina T
Schoen, Jessica L.
Smith, Jennifer L.
Soichet, Emmanuelle S.
Staples, Barry A.
Tucker, Christina M.
Wong, Angie

GIRLS SWIMMING

Sat., Dec. 7	Choate	away	scrimmage
Sat., Jan. 10	Loomis Chaffee	away	105-81
Wed., Jan. 15	Lincoln Sudbury	home	100-70
Sat., Jan. 18	Suffield/Loomis	away	85-16 71-31
Sat., Jan. 25	Deerfield	home	75-111
Wed., Jan. 29	N.E. Barracoudas	home	75-95
Wed., Feb. 5	Worcester	away	52-34
Sat., Feb. 15	Hopkins	away	90-96
Wed., Feb. 19	Exeter	home	64-124
Sat., Feb. 22	N.M.H.	away	128-50
Sun., Mar. 2	Interschols at Exeter		4th place

Girls Off to a Strong Start

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

This winter, girls' swimming is off to an impressive start, having won their first three meets. Though in the early going this team looks strong, it will be difficult to top last year's third place finish at Interschols. Standing in Andover's way are perennial powerhouses Exeter and Deerfield.

This year's team is a deep, young, yet experienced squad, led by Captain Caitlin Murphy '98. With decisive wins already, Jessica Schoen '99, Kate Connors '98, and Murphy should have strong seasons. Other key swimmers are freestyle sprinters Mel Lind '98, Christina Richardson '98, Angie Wong '97, Bebhinn O'Donahue '99, and the lone freshman on the squad Kate Larsen. Also returning are Allison Ferranti '98, a key distance swimmer, Murphy, and Caroline Pollack '98, who teams with Schoen to form a fearsome twosome in the hundred meter butterfly.

The team also expects strong showings by Connors and Emma Soichet '98, swimming the two hundred individual medley, and by the trio of Zoe Niarchos '98, Colleen Dixon '99, and Annie Lux '98 swimming the



The undefeated squad takes to the water

Photo / O Mark

hundred meter breast stroke. Rebecca Greenberg '98, Liz Anderson '98, and Connors, who seems to be everywhere on the team, compete in the hundred meter backstroke.

So far this season Coach Murphy's

'98. If the team can overcome these injuries and continue their current winning ways, a repeat or bettering of last year's performance is likely.

Girls Take Unbeaten Record to Deerfield

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

At Suffield on Saturday, the girls swim team cruised to victory, easily defeating overmatched teams from Suffield and Hotchkiss. By winning this tri-meet, Andover's girls improved their record to an impressive 5-0. Their winning streak will be in jeopardy this Saturday when the girls host perennial powerhouse and defending Interschols champion, Deerfield. Untested thus far, Andover's strength will be tested on Saturday.

This past Saturday at Suffield, the girls, unfazed by poor conditions, dominated both Hotchkiss and Suffield. The girls finished first and second in the 200yd freestyle, the 200yd individual medley, the 100yd backstroke and every relay event. This incredible performance displayed not only Andover's superior

talent, but also its tremendous depth. Captain Caitlin Murphy '98 led the way, winning both the 200 yd and 500 yd freestyle events. Also victorious were Emma Soichet '98 in the 200 yd individual medley, Annie Lux '98 in the 100 yd breast stroke, and Rebecca Greenberg '98 in the diving competition. Because their swimming was nearly flawless, the Andover's girls easily beat Suffield and Hotchkiss.

Though it remains undefeated, the team has yet to face teams from the top tier of their league. On Saturday at 3:30, the girls will have their chance to prove that they are among the elite teams in New England prep swimming. Year after year, Deerfield dominates the league, but Andover's strong start has its team swimming in confidence. The beginning of this winter has been successful, but if Andover hopes to take its season to the next level, a loss against Deerfield is not an option they can afford.

Deerfield Scuttles Undeclared Season for Girls' Swimming

by Chris Kane and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield	110
Andover	86
NE Barracudas	95
Andover	75

This past Saturday the Deerfield girls came to Andover for a crucial meet of two strong, undefeated teams. This meet was the first real challenge of the season for the Andover squad which had, until then, cruised to easy wins every meet. The Deerfield girls were a physically immense team, and their power proved to be too much for the Andover swimmers. Deerfield, the defending Interschols champ, was a very strong deep team and the meet occurred at the most inopportune of times for the Blue as two key Andover swimmers were side-lined; both Jessica Schoen '99 and Mel Lind '98 had to miss Saturday's meet due to injury. Furthermore, the girls slide continued on Wednesday when they fell to the New England Barracudas.

The loss to Deerfield cost Andover its undefeated record as they fell 110-86. A bright spot in the losing effort was the first place finish in the 500 freestyle by Captain Caitlin Murphy '98. Also turning in strong performances were Rebecca Greenberg '98, Allison Ferranti '98 and Emma Soichet '98. Kate Connors '98 finished second in the 100 backstroke, touching the wall only .04 seconds away from victory. The Andover squad stayed fairly even with Deerfield in the individual events but Deerfield's depth in the relays was too much for the short-handed girls in blue.

On Wednesday, still stinging from the loss to

Deerfield, Andover took on the Barracudas, a local club team featuring some of the area's best young talent. The meet was close throughout the afternoon, but the Barracudas consistently edged out Andover in close events, picking up crucial points. Andover had a chance to make a comeback in the last two events, but their efforts were stonewalled by the skill of the visiting team.

Despite these losses, the Andover swimmers still look to have a very strong season. Andover must stay unfazed and get back to their winning ways against Worcester next Wednesday. This squad will benefit greatly from the upcoming return of Schoen and Lind, and is looking forward to once again compete at Interschols. If things go smoothly in the upcoming weeks, Andover should win key meets against fierce rivals, particularly NMH and Exeter.



Girls' Diving performed for the home crowd on Saturday

Photo / O.Mark



Caitlin Murphy '97

"She has been on this team for three years, and she has contributed consistently...she is one of the hardest workers in the pool." Coach Paul Murphy

by Paul Pennelli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Swimmers are well-known for their fierce dedication to their sport and their long hours in the pool. Few swimmers, however, can combine a strict training regiment with fun, and, in turn, create enormous success. Captain Caitlin Murphy '98 of the girl's swim team has managed to do just that. Her exemplary commitment to her squad has inspired her teammates, and as a group the girls have had an amazing season.

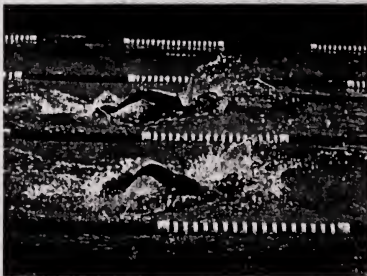
Athletics have always been a part of Caitlin's life. Her father was an accomplished football player who was drafted by the Detroit Lions of the National Football League, and he currently is the coach of basketball and soccer teams at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. "I guess I was sort of expected to play basketball and soccer when I was younger, but I chose to swim," recalls Murphy. Caitlin actually began swimming as a favor for a friend who wanted to participate in the sport, but would not compete alone. After a short time, that friend quit, but Murphy continued to learn about life in the pools. Though her home, Minot, Maine, is not known as a hotbed for swimming, Caitlin still manages to put in solid hours during the vacation months.

In sixth grade, Murphy was swimming mostly for personal enjoyment alone, as she admittedly had trouble at first. At this time, Caitlin focused mainly on short distance races such as the breast stroke and the 200m. Like many young swimmers, Murphy had to sacrifice many areas of her personal life in order to focus on her sport. "It was tough at first... when my friends would go over each other's houses after school, I would go to the pool, so I missed a lot of time with my friends. I was also really tired after practices, too..." Her first win came in the

Bronze Championships, in which Caitlin placed first in the 50 freestyle.

Changes were on the horizon for Murphy when she began her swimming season in the eighth grade. Her coach decided that Caitlin should focus more on longer distances, such as the mile. "That season was frustrating, because I was having more success in the breast and 200m, but everyone was telling me that I was long distance swimmer." When Murphy went to Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee, in the summers after sev-

phy speaks highly of Murphy: "She has been on this team for three years, and she has contributed consistently... she is one of the hardest workers in the pool, and Caitlin has the ability to have a fun and work hard at the same time." Coach Murphy goes on the state that Caitlin is one of finest individuals and athletes that he has ever had the pleasure of coaching. Her best meet this season was against Loomis-Chafee, when she swam a tight race with her competitor, and just touched her out.



Murphy has the utmost respect for teammates and coach. "I don't have to be that great of a leader because everyone on the team is so dedicated to the sport. I really don't have to do much motivating... Paul's [Coach Murphy] awesome. He's a very good coach. He let's us have fun, but he makes us work hard, too." As a group the girl's swim team is hoping to defeat Exeter this season, and to have a strong finish at Interschols. This will hope-

fully be an attainable for the girls, as they are an extremely talented group.

Next season, however, looks brighter still. The four-year nucleus of Murphy, Kate Connors '98, Alison Ferranti '98, Caroline Pollack '98, and Mel Lind '98 is hoping to bring home an Interschols win to Andover. Coach Murphy refers to this core as the "Four Year Freakers". Though the team has been known to be somewhat injury prone, the girls only view these situations as adversity that all teams need to face, adversity that all groups need to overcome. The catalyst in this group is Caitlin Murphy. She has the ability to motivate a group in order to extract its complete potential. With Murphy at the helm, the girl's swim team can win championships and have the time of their lives at the same time.

enth and eighth grades, she swam the aforementioned short distances. But in the Bay State games later that summer, Caitlin began to swim those longer distances.

"I applied to Andover, basically, to see if I could get in." Thankfully, the Admissions Committee ruled in Caitlin's favor. Swimming at Andover was very different then Murphy's swimming experiences in the past. "I was used to swimming three times a day, and here, we just have that two hour practice time." From Day One Caitlin was guided by leaders such as Kealy O'Connor '96, who constantly pushed her to work her hardest, and to always take setbacks in stride. Undoubtedly, it was from swimmers like Kealy that Murphy derived her unique approach to life as a swimmer.

Caitlin has been such a positive leader that her teammates elected her captain, as an upper. Coach Paul Mur-

GIRLS DROP TWO

by Kate Connors and Caitlin Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Hopkins	96
Andover	90
Exeter	110
Andover	60



The girls' swim team had a disappointing week, losing meets to both Hopkins Academy and arch-rival

Exeter. The Blue first fell to Hopkins on Saturday in a 96-90 heartbreaker and was then dominated by the Red on Saturday by the score of 110-60. Despite the defeats, the girls performed very well improving on numerous personal bests.

Hopkins

On Saturday, the Big Blue headed to New Haven to face Hopkins Academy. The day started off well with the team of Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98, winning the 200 medley relay. The streak continued as Murphy had a great race in the 200 free, edging out her opponents by mere hundredths of a second. The breaststroke duo of Annie Lux '98 and Emma Soichet '98 proved to be a

great force as well. The Big Blue ended on a good note with a tight win in the 400 free relay by the team of Angie Wong '97, Soichet, Connors, and Murphy. The combined forces of these swimmers was just enough to touch Hopkins out by .09 seconds. Although Andover had a decent day, Hopkins' great depth proved to be too much.

Exeter

The Exeter meet has been on the minds of the girls for months. Although Andover was soundly beaten 110-60, the Blue had an amazing meet, setting 17 season bests. Connors and Lux both clocked outstanding times in the 200 individual medley. The sprinters dominated Exeter in the 50 free. Although they both placed second to the swimmers in red, Lux and Zoe Niarchos '98 in breaststroke came out with season bests, as did Schoen, Caroline Pollak '98, and Soichet in butterfly. Colleen Dixon '99, a backstroker, swam a blazing 100, dropping 4 seconds from her personal best. Connors, swam a personal best in the 100 backstroke, beating her best time, which she set junior year. Murphy had perhaps the race of her life in the 500 free, coming from behind to beat out an Exeter opponent for first place and setting a season best. Despite this immense effort,

Girls Manhandle NMH

By Kate Connors and Caitlin Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	143
Northfield-Mount Hermon	39



Last Saturday, the Andover swimmers headed down to Northfield-Mount Hermon to battle the Hoggars in the

Blue's final swim meet of the regular season. The Blue emerged victorious 143-39. Since this meet was one of the more relaxed of the season, the girls had the opportunity to swim their "off" events. Instead of the regular Individual Medley squad of Kate Connors '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Annie Lux '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Caroline Pollak '98, and Zoe Niarchos '98, swam this event, taking first, second and third place respectively. The Big Blue also swept the 100 fly, with Connors taking first, and Lux and Jen Smith '97 not far behind; the Blue also dominated the field in the 500 free in which Pollak touched first, followed

by Allison Ferranti '98, and Kate Larson '00.

The Andover swimmers also racked up many personal and season bests. Emma Soichet '98 had an amazing race in the 100 breaststroke, clocking a 1:13.43, which exceeded her previous personal best by more than a second. Lux also had a season best in the 100 fly, after which teammate Christina Richardson '98 commented, "I'm really proud of Annie's effort." The divers, Ashley Murray '97, Christy Tucker '98, and Kristen Moon '98, after finishing well in their competition, joined forces with Niarchos to swim in the 400 freestyle relay. After finishing fourth, Moon, who swam the third leg for this inexperienced team, said, "Although that was fun, I think I'll stick to diving...I have so much respect for swimmers now." With a final score of 143 to 39, the Andover swimmers ended their regular season on a good note.

On Sunday the Big Blue will go to Exeter for the New England Prep School Championships, where they will compete against over 50 other

teams. They are looking to equal last year's impressive third place finish. All three relay teams are hoping Interschols will give them the opportunity to break these long-standing marks, as Colleen Dixon '99 said, "We've worked extremely hard this season, and going into Interschols, we're hoping to do well. Particularly, we're hoping to beat rival Exeter."

Girls Claim Fourth, Boys Place Fifth

Andover Swimmers Shatter Personal Bests At Interschols

by Caitlin Murphy
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



By waking up at close to six in the morning and heading over to the Andover pool for an early warm-up, the Andover swim teams began a day filled with swimming and competition which would test their endurance, strength, and team spirit. Interschols, the most important meet of the season, is what the Andover swim teams have been focusing on and training for since November. Held at Exeter this year, Interschols is a two day event, with boys competing on Saturday followed by the girls on Sunday, requiring the swimmers to race in both trials and finals. After swimming in the morning at trials, the swimmers with the top sixteen times are invited back to swim again at night in two heats of eight; the consolation heat and the final heat. Lasting for 13 hours, Interschols is very taxing; however, this year's meet proved rewarding for both the boys' and the girls' teams.

Boys

The boys, with their excellent regular season record, were in good shape as they headed to Exeter Saturday. As expected, in the trials portion of the meet the boys swam extremely well, putting them in the position to score huge points at night. One of the many Andover swimmers who was seeded well after trials, TJ Durkin '99, won his 100 free, beating powerhouses from schools such as Exeter and NMH. Trials completed, the boys took a short break for lunch and a rest, and then headed into finals, ready to swim again. Strong from the start, the Andover 200 medley relay placed an impressive third. Inspired by this impressive beginning, Derek Neathery '97 swam his way to a fourth place finish in the 200 IM. Neathery also came from behind in his 500 freestyle, receiving fourth again by a mere second. Durkin, who in the 100 free at night earned himself a third place medal, only .07 seconds away from first, also placed fourth in the 100 backstroke. Brenner Thomas '98, stood on the second place podium after his swim in the 100 fly, winning major points for the team. Andover's squad of experienced freestylers, Jason DerAnnian '97 and Nick Vanzelle '97 both swam very well at night. DerAnnian, cutting a second off his time received thirteenth place in the 50 free, just touching out his teammate, who placed fourteenth. In the 100 free,

DerAnnian clocked a time good enough to earn him fourteenth place. The Andover breaststrokers, Chris Chen '99 and Colin Evans '99, achieved seventh and ninth respectively. Concluding the day with a fifth place finish in the 400 freestyle relay, the boys swim team accumulated enough points to obtain fifth place. All in all, the boys had a remarkable season with personal bests, especially at Interschols, abounding.

Girls

The Andover girls' swim team, despite losses to injuries, was able to pull together for their concluding meet and fare extremely well. From the beginning girls Interschols was destined to be great. Feeling strong and rested, the swimmers headed to Exeter on Sunday excited and ready to swim. At trials, where over half of the team qualified to swim again at night, numerous swimmers swam their way to personal bests. The night swimming started off with the relay team of Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jess Schoen '99, and Christina Richardson '98 cutting over two seconds off their previous best to set a new school record in the 200 medley by .04 seconds. Still psyched from the positive relay results, Murphy went on

to a fourth place finish in the 200 freestyle. The individual medley powerhouses, Emma Soichet '98, Schoen, and Connors, finished seventh, ninth, and twelfth respectively. Richardson, in an extremely fast field of 50 freestylers, managed to hold her own and finish fifteenth. In the 100 fly, Caroline Pollak received a fourteenth place finish while Schoen added an eighth place medal to her collection. The 500 freestylers both swam personal bests with Pollak finishing thirteenth and Murphy touching third. Kate Connors swam the 100 back, receiving fifth. The threesome of breaststrokers, Annie Lux '98, Zoe Niarchos '98, and Soichet, all swam in the consolation heat. Lux stroked her way to a fifteenth place finish while Niarchos cut three seconds off her time to place thirteenth, and Soichet earned twelfth. The final relay team of Angie Wong '97, Rebecca Greenberg '97, Soichet and Murphy finished off the day well, achieving fifth place. Thanks to the points accumulated by all the swimmers and the divers who all finished in the top ten (Ashley Murray '97 earning tenth, Kristen Moon '98 receiving seventh, Christy Tucker '98 placing sixth, and Greenberg finishing in fifth), the Andover team ended up fourth overall.



The girls 200 medley relay team poses for a picture after setting a new school record.

Photos / P. Murphy



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Phillips Academy
Andover, MA

Swim meet held today, 2-5-97
Score: Phillips 52 vs. Worcester 34 circle one: Girls Boys
Academy

Top Phillips Finishers: (place in parentheses)

200 Medley Relay (1) Connors, Murphy, Schoen, Richardson
2:00.02

200 Free (3) Ferranti 2:12.31

200 Ind. Medley (1) Schoen 2:19.82

50 Free (2) Richardson 26.77 (and!) (1) Wong 26.75

Diving

100 Butterfly (2) Schoen 1:03.17

100 Free (1) Wong 58.09 (2) Soichet 58.69

500 Free (1) Murphy 5:31.83 (3) Larson 5:53.25

200 Free Relay (1) Soichet, Greenberg, Wong,
Richardson 1:48.32

100 Back (1) Connors 1:05.23

100 Breast (2) Lux 1:15.70 (3) Murphy 1:16.26

400 Free Relay (2) Soichet, Connors, Greenberg,
Murphy 3:54.48

next meet: 2/15/97 2:00 Hopkins Connecticut.
date time opponent location
current record: 6 - 2 - 0
W L T



Sportfax

Phillips Academy Andover, MA

Swim meet held today, 2-15-97

Score: Phillips 90 vs. Hopkins 96 circle one: Girls Boys

Top Phillips Finishers: (place in parentheses)

200 Medley Relay (2) Connors, Murphy, Schoen, Richardson
1:58.83

200 Free (1) Murphy 2:02.22

200 Ind. Medley (2) Schoen 2:20.94

50 Free (3) Richardson 26.45

Diving (2) Tucker (187), (3) Greenberg (184.15)

100 Butterfly (2) Schoen 1:02.88

100 Free (2) Wong 58.85

500 Free (2) Murphy 5:31.53

200 Free Relay (1) Wong, Spichert, Greenberg, Richardson
1:46.99

100 Back (1) Connors 1:05.07

100 Breast (3) Spichert 1:14.26

400 Free Relay (1) Wong, Spichert, Connors, Murphy
3:53.29

next meet: 2/19/97 330

date time
current record: 6 - 3 - 0
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Exeter
opponent

Andover
location

Girls End Season With Solid Fourth Place Finish at 'Schols

by Caitlin Murphy
PELLIPAN SPORTS WRITER



The Andover girls swim team is arguably the most close-knit team on campus. With the majority of team members participating in both water polo and swimming, the girls on the team had worked together for two seasons back to back. Although Andover lost five seniors to the 1996 graduation, the nucleus of the 1997 team had been swimming and playing polo together for two years. This, and the fact that the new swimmers quickly found their grooves amongst the veterans led to a squad of not only teammates but friends.

After last season's success, the girls hoped to paint New England blue this winter. However, injuries plagued the team, removing Anne Bartlett '98 and Mel Lind '98 from the line-up, and planting lower Jess Schoen '99 in the trainers' room for over half of the season.

Although Bartlett and Lind could not be in the water with the rest of the squad, they were constantly supporting the team, cheering for the Big Blue at meets, attending team dinners, and wishing us luck at Interschols. Schoen, although her shoulder continued to bother her, once again took to the water at the end of the season, aiding the team at Interschols by earning much needed points.

For the first meet of the season Andover headed to Wallingford to play Choate. Since this meet occurred only one week after training began and since the Choate pool is a long 25 meters instead of 25 yards, not many fast swimmers were seen.

However, the Andover girls had overall strong performances emerging with an impressive victory.

Coming back from vacation rested and ready to go, the Blue traveled to Loomis to tackle the Pelicans on their home turf. Because the Loomis pool is, similar to Choate's, a short course meter pool, times were perhaps not what they should have been.

The Andover swimmers all improved from their previous performances at Choate and won once again bringing their record to 2-0. Finally in a yard pool, where times were faster, Andover competed against Lincoln-Sudbury.

One of the stronger high school teams, Lincoln-Sudbury has in the past proved a challenge. This year however, Andover soundly defeated them, continuing their win-

"The team this year was really great; [Captain] Caitlin [Murphy '97] did a really great job, as did the rest of the girls. We can all be proud.

-Coach Paul Murphy

ning streak. Suffield and Hotchkiss were next on Andover's list. The Andover squad headed to Suffield for this tri-meet. Both teams put up a strong showing but Andover once again easily disposed of the competition.

The Big Blue's next meet was against Deerfield, the winner of last year's Interschols. This deep team, led by powerhouse Amy Warren, proved to be too much for the Andover swimmers. However, the Big Blue did put up a good fight.

This meet produced season's best times for the majority of Andover swimmers and for the final score was closer than anyone would have imagined. Still, Deerfield did manage to tarnish Andover's previously undefeated record.

After Deerfield, Andover competed again the New England Barracuda's, one of the premiere USS teams in New England. Although this team was young, they were fast; unfortunately, they were faster than the Big Blue. In a bit of a mid-season slump, Andover let the Barracudas swim over them, adding another loss to their record.

Hoping to pick themselves up and get back on the winning track, the Big Blue swam Worcester away. Despite less than desirable conditions, including a small, cold, four lane pool, Andover put out a good performance to soundly defeat Worcester. After Worcester, Andover drove four hours to swim against Hopkins. The Big Blue went into this meet not knowing exactly what to expect. Knowing the meet would be fast yet unsure of just how close it would be, the Andover swimmers came up with many personal bests, as the relays and the divers all did amazingly well. However it was not enough. Hopkins won by a mere two points.

Exeter was next in line. Knowing that there would be stiff competition and Andover-Exeter records would probably be set, the Andover girls rested for two days to ensure that they would be in top form when racing their nemesis. The meet, at home, started off very well with the national anthem sung by Bobby Edwards and a ceremony for both the Andover and the Exeter seniors.

However, in the water, Exeter dominated. Winning all but one individual event, they were virtually unstoppable. Even though Andover took many seconds and thirds and

put many season's bests up on the clock, they still could not catch Exeter. Although the loss was disappointing, the fact that all the Andover swimmers swam so well was inspiring and after this meet everyone was

looking forward to Interschols where they would have the opportunity to improve on their times even more.

The final meet of the regular season was against the NMTI Hoggers, always a fun meet in which events are switched around and the Andover swimmers have to chance to swim something they normally wouldn't, the Big Blue went into this meet hoping to win and end their season on a high note.

Even without the majority of swimmers in their strongest events, Andover still dominated winning almost every event. In addition the relays all went to Andover. Finally the divers, who all did very well in their competition, also helped out the swimmers by swimming and placing fourth in the final 400 free relay. All in all this was a fun way to end the regular season and get ready to focus on Interschols.

After tapering for a week, visualizing, and preparing both in and out of the pool, the Big Blue was ready to swim and swim fast at Interschols. Heading up to Exeter early Sunday morning, the girls were eager to get in the pool and begin the day that would last for over 18 hours.

At Interschols, over half of the team made it back for finals, and everyone had at least one personal best. This was perhaps individually the most successful Interschols ever and as a team Andover also did very well, placing fourth behind Exeter, Deerfield, and Hopkins. Not only was Interschols a day when adrenaline ran high because of nerves and swimming, it was also a day where the entire team bonded. Shut up together in a small visiting team locker room, trying to nap in between sessions, sharing jokes and stories, the team grew closer than ever before.

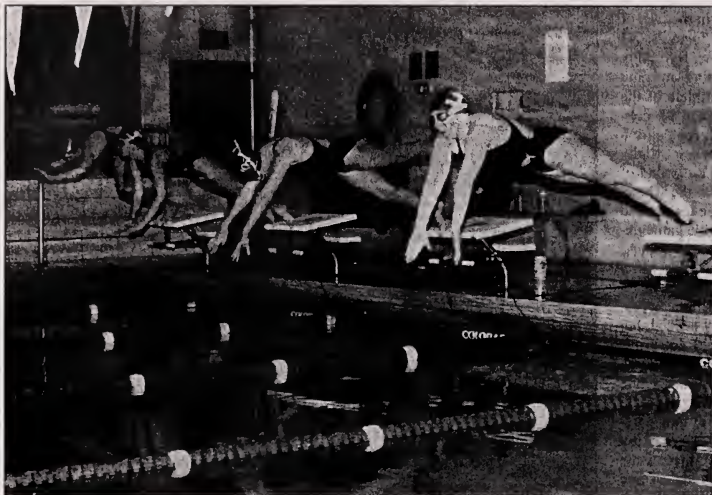
The 1997 season was a very successful one. Led by an amazing coach, Paul Murphy, the team did well, had fun, and bonded at the same time. Next year everyone will miss our seniors, Rebecca Greenberg, Jen Smith, Angie "Wonder" Wong, and Caitlin O'Connor as well as our managers, Barry Staples and Pat Noonan.

3 March 1997 - New school record in Girls Swimming

200 Medley Relay 1:56.05

Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, Jessica Schoen '99

Christina Richardson '98



Left: Andover gets out to a fast start. The girls enjoyed tremendous results this year, as they took home first place at Interschols, capping off an impressive season in which both personal and team records fell by the wayside.

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SPORT: BOYS' TRACK
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: SOCRATES KAKOULIDES & JUSTIN SKINNER
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: JOHN STRUDWICK
ASSISTANT COACHES: D. Allen, L. Bernieri, P. Joel
J. Landowne, J. Richards, J. Stableford,
N. Trepanier, A. Wilmer, C. Wilson

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Track - B Winter
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Bacariza, Jon-Paul
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Dinneen, Colin B.
Dise, Steven J.
Escamille, Joaquin C.
Friedman, John N.
Gordy, John V.
Hsu, Andrew R.
Jutras, Nathaniel P.
Kakoulides, Socrates V(cc)
Kinast, Robert M.
Mohraz, Jonathan C.
Moon, Hyuk
Moon, Jay K., Jr.
Powell, Richard M., Jr.
Rowe, Patrick D.
Skinner, Justin V. D.(cd)
Spring, Kurt R.

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BOYS TRACK

Sat., Jan. 10	Dartmouth Relays	away	
Wed., Jan. 15	Tewksbury	home	68-27
Wed., Jan. 22	Weston	home	86-18
Sat., Feb. 1	N.A.P.S.	home	63-41
Sat., Feb. 8	Boston University meet	away	
Wed., Feb. 12	Haverhill High	home	49-46
Sat., Feb. 22	Bowdoin	away	no team results
Wed., Feb. 26	Exeter	away	57-47



Dartmouth Relays, January 11th, 1997

Results

GIRLS:

800 Meters	Avra Ackerman	2:33.70 (5th. in heat)
	Ali Jay	2:37.90 (5th. in heat)
1 Mile	Kate Crowley	6:05.1
4x400 metres	Taliser Avery	
	Sharon Husbands	
	Lucy Greene	
	Almut Balleer	4:29.70 (2nd. in heat)
4x800 metres:	Kate Crowley	
	Ali Jay	
	Deb Vinton	
	Avra Ackerman	10:46.32 (12th. in heat)

BOYS:

Long Jump	Steve Dise	21' 11" (5th.)
	Andy Moon	18' 4"
High Jump	Steve Dise	6' 1" (6th.)
55m	Richard Powell	6.95 (15th.)
	Lewis Brown	6.89 (10th.) 6.91 in semi
55m Hurdles	Andy Moon	8.70 (20th.)
800 Metres	Patrick Rowe	2:02.98 (8th. in heat)
2 Miles	John Friedman	10:04.15 (4th. in heat)
4x400 metres:	Richard Powell	
	JP Bacariza	
	Lewis Brown	
	Socrates Kakoulides	3:40.87 (1st. in heat)
4x800 metres:	Nate Jutras	
	John Friedman	
	Justin Skinner	
	Patrick Rowe	8:35.91 (2nd. in heat)

Brandeis Invitational, December 21st., 1996

Results

GIRLS:

Pole Vault	Taliser Avery	8' 6.5" (5th.) -- New School Record (old record: Avery 7'0" '96)
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BOYS:

Long Jump	Andy Moon	18' 8" (5th.)
55m Hurdles	Andy Moon	8.5
800 Metres	Patrick Rowe	2:03.5 (3rd.)

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS June

date: 15th Jun '97

vs.: Tewksbury

(B/G: Boys)

EVENT	1 st Place - 5pts.			2 nd Place - 3pts.			3 rd Place - 1pt.			P.A.	T
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance		
Mile	^{Nate} Juras	P	4:44	Friedman	P	4:44	Jellen	T	4:47	8	1
50 hurdles	^{Andy} Moon A	P	7.0	Shiner	T	7.3	Corbett	T	7.5	5	4
Long Jump	^{Steve} Dise	P	21'9"	Moon, A.	P	19'7"	Bacariza	P	17'7"	9	2
50 yards	^{Lowie} Brown	P	5.8	Moon, J	P	5.9	Seagren	T	6.2	8	3
Shot	^{John} Bombach	T	52'6"	Tavares	P	40'2"	Shelley	T	33'10"	3	6
600	^{Patrick} Rowe	P	1:19.9	Boyle	T	1:23.6	Mohr	P	1:25.6	6	3
High Jump	^{Steve} Dise	P	5'10"	Babatunde	P	5'6"	Gagnon	T	5'4"	8	4
2 Mile	^{Justin} Skinner	P	10:44.5	Reed	T	10:54.8	Hsu	P	11:19.0	6	5
300	^{Peccoles} Karkoulides	P	36.8	Moon	P	36.9	Bacariza	P	38.1	9	6
1000	^{Patrick} Rowe	P	2:28.0	Corbett	T	2:31.7	Friedman	P	2:35.4	6	6
Miler		T	3:51.3	^{Powell} Bacariza	PA	DNF				6	8
				^{Brown} Karkoulides						6	8
Pole Vault	^{Kurt} Spring	P	9'0"	Saber	T	8'6"	LeMaitre	P	8'6"		
[Exhib]											
TOTAL TEAM POINTS										68	27
TEAM STANDINGS										1 st	2 nd



Boys Take Tewksbury in Stride

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	68
Tewksbury	27



The 1997 boys' indoor track team will be hard pressed to duplicate the success of the 1996 squad, which dominated both the

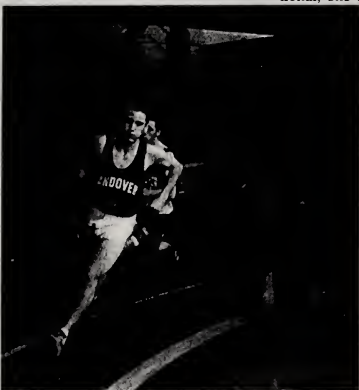
indoor and outdoor seasons and easily won both NEPSAC championships. Nevertheless, the team is aiming for similar success. Coach John Strudwick looks for Andover's "young developing talent" to augment the team's "solid core of seniors" to produce a quality season.

On Saturday, a select group of Andover's athletes traveled to Dartmouth, MA for the Dartmouth Invitational, one of winter track's premiere events. Among competitors from 160 different schools around the U.S. and Canada, Steve Dise '97 led the Andover contingent with a personal-best long jump of 21' 11", placing him fifth out of a field of eighty competitors. Dise finished as the top American contender, as Canadians swept the first four places. Also, Pat Rowe '97 (800m), John Friedman '98 (2 mi), and Lewis Brown '99 (55m) all performed extremely well with top ten finishes in their respective events.

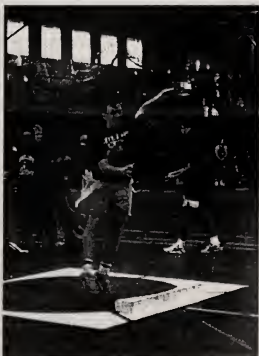
On Wednesday, Andover competed in

its first meet as a team, as they hosted Tewksbury High School. The Big Blue used the meet to send out the unequivocal message to the rest of the league that Andover is not in the midst of a rebuilding year as it dominated the opposition 68-27. As a team, Andover placed first in nine out of eleven events, including a 1-2-3 sweep in both the long jump and the 300m. Dise once again emerged as one of Andover's leaders by placing first in both the long jump (21' 9.5") and the high jump (5' 10"). In the 50yd dash, Brown and Jay Moon '97 finished 1-2. Co-Captains Justin Skinner '97 and Socrates Kakoulides '97 also contributed greatly to the Andover cause, as Skinner won the 2 mile (10:44.5) and Kakoulides edged out teammate Hyuk Moon '97 in the 300yd (36.8). Rounding out the team effort, Nate Jutras '97 (1 mile), Moon (50yd. hurdles), Brown (50yd.), and Rowe (600yd.) also racked up first place finishes.

Andover will seek to maintain this week's stellar level of performance in the future against harder competition. In order to achieve this, the Big Blue will have to rely on, in the words of Captain Skinner, "the combination of dedicated and enthusiastic newcomers and talented veterans."



The boy's track team has had great success in the distance events Photo / O. Mark



Tommy Ryan '97 launches the shot Photo / O. Mark

Steve Dise '97

"It's a mental game. When you're in the air, you must clear your mind... You can't think about the bad aspects of jumping" —Dise

by Paul Pennelli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

He has been on the verge of true greatness for some time, and on Wednesday in the cage, Steve Dise '97 achieved excellence. After completing the competition against Weston High in the long jump, Dise moved on to the high jump. In a display of amazing athletic ability, Dise defeated his opponent with a leap of 6'2" on only his third attempt. Steve continued, and eventually shattered the Phillips Academy men's indoor track high jump record, with a jump of 6'3.5". On the following attempt, Steve broke his own newborn record with a leap of 6'4".

Steve has called North Andover, Massachusetts, his home for sixteen years of his life. While growing up, Dise never paid much attention to track, but instead focused on the more popular sports of soccer and basketball. If not for his sister, Leslie Dise '94, Steve undoubtedly would never have become interested in the sport. Leslie's name appears, at the very least, five times on the board of Andover's track record-holders. Though Steve remained focused on soccer and basketball in his ninth grade year, Leslie still persisted in her attempts to land Steve as a member of the track team. Eventually, Steve heeded her pleas, and ran track in the spring.

"I realized," says Dise, "that I had strong jumping abilities midway through the 1993 season; I remember that I jumped 5'8". Indeed, Steve would continue to learn and work, and his jumps became stronger. Lower year, spring track was "just another building block . . . a complex Lego system, if you will." More prophetic words were never spoken. In time, those blocks rose to unparalleled heights, and the news of Dise's abilities

began to spread throughout New England.

Upper year was the first season that Dise focused the majority of his athletic energies on track. He decided to devote himself to the sport mostly because of college considerations, and his love for the sport. "I was truly serious about track for the first time Upper Spring," remembers Dise. It was during this season that Dise realized that high jumping involved many different aspects of the human body. "It's a mental game. When you're in the air, you must clear your mind, otherwise you're going to crash. You can't think about the potentially bad aspects of

break that record, except that I really need new shoes. Mine are all torn up."

Steve speaks highly of his coach, Dr. John Strudwick, Abbot cluster dean. Dise is quick to point out that Strudwick is somewhat of a mentor: "When my academic advisor went on sabbatical lower year, I was assigned to Mr. Strudwick. Since then, he has been guiding me on the paths of my Andover experience. He has been watching over me for the past three years." When Steve was preparing to jump for the record, Strudwick lunged for the public address system in the cage, announcing that a piece of Andover athletic history was about to be sliced. "That really seemed to be up . . . spectators always make me nervous."

Dise's goal in the spring is to break the outdoor high jump record of Walter Brown '94. "I'd like to break the record and jump 6'9" . . . but I'd also like to date Carmen Electra so ah . . ." Those who have watched Dise in action know that he has a greater chance of accomplishing the former, rather than the latter. To jump 6'9", however, would be an amazing accomplishment, one that would probably place Dise in one of the greatest chapters in Andover athletics.

Next year, Dise will be taking his self-proclaimed "fattest-ride-on-campus" to Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York. Hopefully, Steve will be a member of the track team there, in addition to a standout in other areas. His excitement concerning the season, the spring term, and college life is obviously apparent. Steve Dise, a colorful character who is never at a loss for words, will continue to work towards his seemingly unattainable goals. But when Steve pulls up his lucky socks and makes his move to the bar, nobody doubts his ability to eclipse.



jumping . . . "Dise's feats earned him a trip to the Bay State Games that summer, at which he placed second in the high jump with a 6'4". "My goal for indoor track this year was to break the record, because I knew that I already could make that height of 6'3.5", says Steve.

A prelude to Dise's record breaking performance was his participation in the Dartmouth Relays, at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. There, Dise placed fifth overall, and set a personal best for the long jump, 21' 11". It appears that a new indoor long jump record will be a short time coming. "Another of my goals is to

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Track Tramples Weston

by Dan Sloan

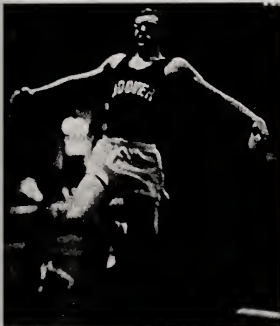
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 86
Weston 18



On Wednesday, the boys' track team hosted a somewhat depleted team from Weston,

MA that was forced to leave many of its key athletes at home as a result of its grueling schedule. The absent Weston competitors clearly made a difference, as Andover's boys dominated the meet, claiming its second victory of the young season by the score of 86-18.



Boys' Track cleaned up in their meet against Weston

Photo / B. Park

Andover established its control early in the meet by sweeping the first three events. The Blue's distance runners were first to shine as Pat Rowe '97 (4:39.6,) Nate Jutras '97 (4:40.1,) and John Friedman '98 (4:45.6) placed first, second and third respectively in the mile. Andover's long jumpers then followed suit, led by Steve Dise '97 with a jump of 21' 0". The Big Blue then continued its dominance, as it swept the pole vault, giving Andover a 24-0 lead.

With Andover clearly in control, the meet simply became an exhibition of the Big Blue's superiority, and no athlete exhibited more superiority than Dise. After claiming victory in the long jump, he went on to high jump, an event in which he would establish a new indoor school record.

After surpassing the closest Weston competitor, Dise was looking to do just that. In order to break the record, he would have to surpass 6' 3.25", a mark set by Scott Schoeb in 1989. On his first attempt at 6' 3.5", Dise just grazed the bar, as he missed clearing the height by the slimmest of margins. His subsequent jump also failed, leaving him with one last opportunity in his third and final jump.

In this attempt he



Curt Spring '98 vaults over the bar

Photo / B. Park

delighted the entire Andover team that had gathered around the high jump pit, as he cleared the height. Dise then wasted no time in raising his record mark, as he cleared a height of 6' 4" with a single attempt.

The superlative Andover effort continued after Dise's stellar performance, as the Blue placed first in every event with the sole exception of the mile relay, which ended in an Andover disqualification. The Big Blue had the most success in the 300 yds., as Richie Powell '97 (35.9,) Andy Moon '97 (36.2,) and Rob Kinast '97 (36.7) swept the event.

Andover also excelled in the shot put, as Juan Tavares '97 (41' 6") and Tommy Ryan '97 (40' 5.5") placed first and second respectively.

Andover will have a long lay off after its 86-18 victory over Weston. Its next meet which will be held on a week from Saturday against the perennial sprinting powerhouse, Naval Academy Prep School.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
1 Mile		
Pat Rowe	1	4:39.6
Nate Jutras	2	4:40.1
John Friedman	3	4:45.6
Long Jump		
Steve Dise	1	21' 0"
Andy Moon	2	19' 7"
Peter Salisbury	3	17' 3.25"
Pole Vault		
Justin Lee	1	8' 6"
Kurt Spring	1	8' 6"
Josh Lemaire	3	8' 0"
50 yd Hurdle		
Andy Moon	1	7.0
Shot Put		
Juan Tavares	1	41' 6"
Tommy Ryan	2	40' 5.5"
50 yd Dash		
Richie Powell	1	5.9
Jay Moon	2	6.1
600 yd		
John Mohraz	1	1:24.1
Socrates Kakoulides	2	1:24.1
2 Mile		
Andy Hou	1	11:00.6
Chris Sand	2	11:52.7
Chris McKallinger	3	12:47.0
High Jump		
Steve Dise	1	6' 4"
Dapo Babatunde	3	5' 6"
300 yd Dash		
Richie Powell	1	35.9
Andy Moon	2	36.2
Rob Kinast	3	36.7
1000 yd		
Justin Skinner	1	2:38.2
Ben Dyer	3	2:59.9

Track Treads On NAPS

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 63
NAPS 44



On Saturday, the boys' track team from the Naval Academy Preparatory School came into a meet with the Big Blue boasting a strong core of short and middle distance runners.

However, utilizing its long distance strength and its overall depth, Andover prevailed by the score of 63-44 in an extremely exciting meet which culminated in one the most captivating races of the year.

From the beginning, the meet seemed to be fairly even, as both squads were able to amass early points by exploiting the opposing team's weaknesses in the field events. In the pole vault, the top NAPS competitor cleared a height of 10' 6", which is two feet higher than the marks of Andover's top finishers, Justin Lee '97 and Kurt Spring '98. However, in the high jump and long jump, the positions were reversed when Steve Dise '97 claimed victory in both events and Andy Moon '97 (long jump) and John Gordy '97 (high jump) added top three finish-



John Gordy '97 finished third in the High Jump Photo T.O. Mark

events while the Blue controlled the longer distances. In fact, Richie Powell '97 (50yd dash) was the only Blue athlete able to place first in an event of less than one mile. In the longer events, however, it was Andover who made the opposition look inferior as Nate Jutras '97 (mile) and John Friedman '98 (2 mile) won with relative ease.

Entering the final event, the mile relay, Andover had already clinched the overall victory. Nevertheless, a lot depended on the final relay because it gave the Blue sprinters a chance to salvage their pride by showing that, as a team, they could overcome the individual talent of NAPS.

In the first leg of the relay, Powell established an early lead for the Blue, but this was short lived as NAPS quickly overcame Andover and then built an almost insurmountable lead in the second and third legs. However, Co-Captain Socrates Kakoulides '97 took the baton and ran a superb final 400m, passing the NAPS sprinter with just over a lap to go to claim one final victory for the Blue.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
50 yd Dash		
R. Powell	1	5.7
L. Brown	2	5.8
300 yd		
A. Moon	2	36.0
L. Brown	3	36.9
400 yd		
S. Kakoulides	2	1:21.9
J. Mohraz	3	1:23.9
1000 yd		
C. Dineen	2	2:33
J. Skinner	3	2:30.9
Mile		
N. Jutras	1	4:33.1
J. Skinner	3	4:32.9
2 Mile		
J. Friedman	1	9:54.7
A. Hsu	3	11:10.6
50 yd Hurdle		
A. Moon	2	7.1
S. Dise	3	7.4
Mile Relay		
R. Powell,	1	3:48.9
J. Bacazaria,		
J. Mohraz,		
S. Kakoulides		
Long Jump		
S. Dise	1	20'9.5"
A. Moon	2	19'11.5"
High Jump		
S. Dise	1	6'2"
J. Gordy	3	5'6"
Shot Put		
J. Escamille	2	41'0"
T. Williamson	3	38'5"
Pole Vault		
J. Lee	2	8'6"
K. Spring	3	8'6"

June

vs. N.A.P.S

B/G: Varsity

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McIntyre Elite Invitational Relays, February 8th. 1997

Reggie Lewis Track

Results

GIRLS:

DMR

Deb Vinton (4:06.7)
Almut Balleer (63.1)
Avra Ackerman (2:35.2)
Kate Crowley (5:41.8)

13:26.9 - 2nd. place

BOYS:

Long Jump Relay

Steve Dise (21' 7.25" (1st.))
Andy Moon (19' 2.5" (5th.))
Lewis Brown (18' 8.5")

59' 5.25" - 1st. place
Meet Record

4x200m Realy

Ritchie Powell (23.6)
Steve Dise (23.2)
Andy Moon (24.5)
Lewis Brown (23.7)

1:35.0 - 7th. place

DMR

Patrick Rowe (3:15.2)
Ritchie Powell (52.2)
John Friedman (2:05.0)
Nate Jutras (4:16.2)

10:28.5 - 1st.place
Meet Record

Relays Dominate

By Jim Ellis and Collis Klarberg

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The PA track team continued its astonishing undefeated season in the McIntyre Elite

Invitational Relays. On Saturday the eighth of February, the team headed up to the Reggie Lewis Centre to face a number of powerful relay teams. Once again the team dominated the competition, winning the long jump relay as well as the boys' distance medley relay.

Andover's distance medley consists of four powerful athletes, Richie Powell '97 (400yd,) John Friedman '98 (800yd,) Pat Rowe '97 (1200yd) and Nate Jutras '97 (1600yd.). Jutras set a monumental time of 4:16.2 in his leg. This outstanding time helped give the team an overall time of 10:28.5. This is the second best time of the season on the eastern coast, easily qualifying the team for the national scholastic championships. This is one of Andover's biggest highlights of the season. The boys' distance team will look to continue its dominance at nationals, after last years disappointment when the team finished fourth, only to be disqualified. This '97 Andover team is ready to go back and fight for the national title.

Pleased about the relay team's performance, Richie Powell spoke confidently of the team. "The whole team performed well; we're training very hard, and the four of us are going to be

tough competitors at nationals."

In the long jump team's first place finish, the squad had a total distance 59' 5.25". The jumpers of the relay team are composed of three competitors. Steve Dise '97, who has dominated in the long jump all season long, led the way, once again, with a third round leap of 21' 7". 0. Dise's jump was followed by Andy Moon's '97, who helped pave the way to a blue victory, with a best jump of 19' 2". Lewis Brown '99 competed at the invitational for his first long jump competition of the season. His giant leap of 18' 8" rounded out the competition for Andover, securing a first place finish in the long jump.

The girls' distance medley team also competed at the relay invitational on Saturday. The Big Blue finished the race with a praiseworthy second place finish with a final time of 13:25.9. Deb Vinton '98, Almut Balleer '97, Avra Ackerman '98, and Captain Kate Crowley '97 led the other teams for most of the race but unfortunately they were just edged out at the end of the race. Although their finish was a bit of a disappointment, the girls were able to clinch the teams first place overall finish at the Invitational.

Team coach John Strudwick anxiously awaits the nationals on March eighth. The boys' long distance team, as he boasts, "is training very hard to place well in the nationals. We are hoping to crack down a spot in the top three, so we have to keep on running hard."

Socrates Kakoulides '97

by Collis Klarberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Starting his track career as a new lower at Phillips Academy, Socrates Kakoulides '97 went on to become a Co-Captain of this winter's boys' track team, helping to lead the squad to an undefeated season. He is as an outstanding runner in the 600yd, the mile relay, and in addition, occasionally runs the 300yd.

"We had a great season," he boasted. "The team was a lot of fun to work with."

Socrates lives in Bayville, New York on Long Island with his mother and father, along with his brother, older sister, and younger sister Maria, who is currently an upper here at PA. Previously at Eastwoods School in Oyster Bay, Socrates was not privy to the life of Andover that he now loves so much. He was fortunate enough to learn about the Phillips Academy institution through an info-session that made its way

to his home in Bayville. Leaving home was difficult for Socrates because he missed his family and friends, but he knew he had to make a change in his life. Luckily, he quickly warmed up to PA.

After a few weeks of school, Socrates heard about the fabulous track team through friends, and decided to put his amazing quickness and exceptional competitive abilities to use. He greatly enjoyed his first year of track, and knew then that he would continue to compete on the boys' squad throughout the rest of his Andover days.

Socrates needs a great deal of inspiration and motivation to perform a

certain task. In track, he has a multitude of inspirational thoughts. One of the most inspiring figures in his life is his father, Vasilius Kakoulides. He has helped him over the years to overcome many obstacles. "My father taught me that life is a constant struggle, and that work never ends." Socrates is not only inspired by the words of his father, but the hard work that he does daily. "What he does is so powerful. It inspires my entire family, pushing us

If you have ever been to a track meet, you know that Socrates is not alone in each event that he competes in. As he glides on the track towards victory he is watched by his sister Maria, who runs beside him with words of advice and screams of encouragement. It helps him focus on the race, and he appreciates his sister's effort. He is so grateful for this extremely helpful encouragement that he does the same for her when she runs

for the girl's track team. Both of them love to compete, and whenever they have the time they try to practice with each other, running laps, stretching out, and gunning sprints. When asked how they liked running for Phillips Academy, they replied "we do not run. We dance." Dance or run, Socrates is a great addition to Andover boys' track.

Kakoulides takes pride in more than just being one of Andover's finest track runners. He is admired by the entire team, in-



harder and harder. We are all very grateful."

Two other figures that inspire Socrates are Co-Captain Justin Skinner '97 and girls', Captain Kate Crowley '97. He tries to watch them compete in between his own races and cheer them on to victory. It is these small things that help all the athletes tremendously.

Besides of these three friends, Socrates has two other tools that help him along on the track mentally. "While I run I think of two inspiring songs in my head. The first is 'Amazing Grace,' and the second is 'Discothèque' by U2." Whatever works.

cluding the coach, Dr. Strudwick, as well as his Co-Captain Justin Skinner. Teammate Steve Dise '97 was very positive about participating on the team with Socrates. Dise notes that, "competing track with [Socrates] was at once fun and successful. He was not only a good runner, but he helped boost the morale of the other track team members."

As Socrates looks into the future, he sees a vision of track ahead of him. This, being Socrates' senior year, was his last year of track for the Big Blue. He will attend Yale University next fall after graduating from Andover, and he hopes to run track for the Bulldogs.

VILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

vs. Haverhill

B/G: ✓

1 st Place — 5pts.				2 nd Place — 3pts.				3 rd Place — 1pt.					
COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance/Height	Score	P.A.	H
McLean	H	50'15"	5	McLean	A								
Liano	H	46'10"	3	Escamille	A	42'4"	3	Huertas	H	41'10"	3	3	8
Se	A	21'9"	5	Moan	A	20'3"	11	Henderson	H	20'1"	11	1	7
ve	A	4:39.9	9	Friedman	A	4:47.7	20	Skinner	A	4:49.4	20	0	7
ring	A	9'6"	9	Moan	A	9	20	de LaMoite	A	8'6"	20	0	7
derson	H	6'8"	1	Esagne	H	7'1"	21	Mom	A	7'1"	21	8	15
up	H	5'6"	1	Terenzi	H	5'7"	22	Powell	A	5'9"	22	8	23
orell	H	1:21.1	4	Kaboulides	A	1:23.5	26	Mohrizz	A	1:24.4	26	5	28
se	A	5'10"	8	Gordy	A	5'16"	34	Henderson	H	5'4"	34	1	29
edman	A	10:25.7	4	Foley	H	10:34.8	42	Skinner	A	10:34.7	42	3	32
up	H	35.2	1	Terenzi	H	35.6	48	Powell	A	35.7	48	5	40
owe	A	2:31.9	8	Dincer	A	2:34.6	49	Collins	H	2:39.2	49	1	41
H	H	3:49.5	0	Powell Friedman Moan Kaplan	A	3:51.1	49					5	46

Maine USATE, February 22nd, 1997 @ Bowdoin College

Results

GIRLS:

55 metres	Meagan Prah	8.1 secs. (6th.)	(1,11)
400 metres	Almut Balleer	64.5 secs. (4th.)	(4,49)
	Lucy Greene	66.9 secs. (5th.)	(2,13.5)
800 metres	Avra Ackerman	2:32.1 (3rd.)	(6,22.25)
	Ali Jay	2:33.2 (5th.)	(2,17.75)
1 Mile	Kate Crowley	5:49.5 (6th.)	(1,33)
2 Miles	Deb Vinton	12:13.1 (6th.)	(1,24)
	Anne Dixon	12:33.1 (8th.)	
Long Jump	Heather Smith	15' 8.5" (6th.)	(1,28)
Pole Vault	Taliser Avery	n h	
4x400 metres	Taliser Avery (63)		(2,36.75)
	Lucy Greene (69)		(2,15.5)
	Avra Ackerman (70)		(2,24.25)
	Almut Balleer (66)	4:28.6 (2nd.)	(2,51)

BOYS:

Long Jump	Steve Dise	21' 10.5" (1st.)	(10,51)
	Andy Moon	19' 7.25" (5th.)	(2,32)
High Jump	Steve Dise	6' 0" (2nd.)	(8,59)
55 metres	Lewis Brown	6.81 (2nd.)	(8,17)
	Richard Powell	6.81 (3rd.)	(6,24.25)
55m hurdles	Andy Moon	8.5 (4th. in heat)	
200 metres	Rob Kinast	23.4 (4th.)	(4,9)
400 metres	Jon Mohraz	55.1 (5th.)	(2,9.25)
	Jon-Paul Bacariza	55.6 (6th.)	(1,6.75)
	Socrates Kakoulides	55.6 (7th.)	
800 metres	Patrick Rowe	2:00.3 (2nd.)	(8,33)
	Colin Dinneen	2:08.7 (8th.)	
1 Mile	Nate Jutras	4:17.9 (1st)	(10,23)
	Justin Skinner	4:45.5 (9th.)	
2 Miles	John Friedman	9:41.3 (2nd)**	(8,26)
	Andy Hsu	11:11.8 (11th.)	
1 Mile race walk	Chris McKallagat	9:43.4 (4th.)	
4x200 metres	Andy Moon (24.5)		(2,5,34.5)
	Lewis Brown (24.2)		(2,5,19.5)
	Rob Kinast (23.4)		(2,5,11.5)
	Steve Dise (23.2)	1:35.3 (1st.)	(2,5,61.5)
4x400 metres	Richard Powell (53.6)		(2,5,26.75)
	Jon Mohraz (56.1)		(2,5,11.75)
	Socrates Kakoulides (56.4)		(2,5,19.75)
	Patrick Rowe (53.2)	3:39.3 (1st.)	(2,5,35.5)

Athletes of the meet: Nate Jutras and Rob Kinast

** new 11th. grade record (old record, Greg Whitmore ('93) 9: 47.8)

Letter winners: Lewis Brown, Jon Mohraz, Rob Kinast

(B/G: Varsity)

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Two Perfect Seasons

by Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 57
Andover 47



On Wednesday, the dirty track at Exeter's indoor arena posed quite a threat for PA's runners and jumpers. The bad conditions slowed down times and increased gravity. Because of Exeter's experience on this track, they stood at a much higher advantage for victory. Although the conditions were not ideal the boys were still able to come out on top, with a ten point victory of 57-47.

The Andover boys did not start off the meet on a high note, with only Joaquin Escamille '97 barely clinching a third place finish in the shot put. At the end of one event, Andover was already in the hole by seven points.

In the second event of the afternoon, the mile, the PA squad came back strong with its long distance power. Nate Jutras '97 and John Friedman '98 took the two top spots putting the Big Blue in a tie after two events.

Steve Dise '97 seemed to be all alone on the long jump track, being the only top finisher for PA. Fortunately for Andover, Dise is one of the strongest jumpers in New England, and he was easily able to take hold of the first place spot, outdistancing his competition by one and a half feet. Perhaps PA's low results in these events can be attributed to the unusual dirt floor.

Exeter was able to come back and keep up its speed to give the Blue another scare, as they claimed the top three spots in the 50yd hurdles. This unfortunate surprise allowed Exeter to creep ahead of Andover's boys by eight points; however, in the other short distance running event, the 50yd dash, PA was able to clinch two scoring spots, including the first place finish of Richie Powell '97 and the solid third place finish of newcomer Lewis Brown '97. This diminished Exeter's lead to five points.

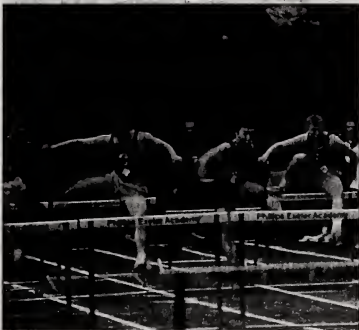
The Andover team continued to chip away at Exeter's lead, when Patrick Rowe '97 gained victory, finishing four seconds ahead of the closest Exeter competition, in the 600yd event.

The PA squad was unable to do much damage in the high jump, with the only good placement coming from Steve Dise with a second place finish of 5'10". The fact that Dise's jump was six inches short of his season best raises further questions about the quality of the track.

At the end of the pole vaulting event, Andover was in a dreadful situation, down by nine points with only four events remaining. The Big Blue then got a boost from its long distance runners. In the two mile event, John Friedman '98 and Justin Skinner '97 cut Exeter's lead to three points with first and second place finishes. In the mid-distance 300 yd event, Steve Dise again showed his resourcefulness by taking the first place spot, while teammate Richie Powell took the third place spot.

PA was finally able to take over its familiar lead with another example of its long distance running ability in the 1000yd event. Runners Jutras and Rowe were able to clinch the top two places, giving PA a five point lead with only one event remaining. This left Exeter the chance to come back and tie the meet in the final event, the mile relay.

The relay would be the finale of the track meet for the boys. Relay teammates Richie Powell, John Mohraz '97, Captain Socrates Kakoulides '97, and anchor runner Pat Rowe would not allow a tie. They started with a quick lead, but lost it in the second and third legs of the race. Pat Rowe then ran an incredible leg, crossing the finish just barely before the opposing Exeter anchor man. This



Andy Moon sprints for the finish line against Exeter en route to a second place finish in the 50yd hurdle.

Photo / M. Prah

victory clinched the victory for the boys, concluding their season with a dramatic and exciting defeat over their archrival.

PA's boys distance relay team, along with Tali Avery in the pole vault, will go on to compete in Nationals. The coaches are hopeful that their athletes will contend for the top three spots.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
50 yd Dash		
R. Powell	1	5.7
L. Brown	3	5.9
300 yd		
S. Dise	1	35.5
R. Powell	3	35.7
600 yd		
P. Rowe	1	1:19.7
1000 yd		
N. Jutras	1	2:27.1
P. Rowe	3	2:32.9
Mile		
N. Jutras	1	4:45.2
J. Friedman	2	4:49.0
2 Mile		
J. Friedman	1	11:01.1
J. Skinner	2	11:06.4
50 yd Hurdle		
A. Moon	2	7.1
S. Dise	3	7.4
Mile Relay		
R. Powell, J. Beazzaria, J. Mohraz, S. Kakoulides	1	3:48
Long Jump		
S. Dise	1	21'6"
High Jump		
S. Dise	2	5'10"
Shot Put		
J. Escamille	3	43'9"
Pole Vault		
K. Spring	2	9'0"

National Scholastic Track and Field Championships, March 8th, 1997

Reggie Lewis Track

Results

GIRLS:

Pole Vault

Taliser Avery

8ft. (12th. place)

BOYS:

DMR

John Friedman (3:15.6)

Ritchie Powell (51.4)

Patrick Rowe(2:00.3)

Nate Jutras (4:20.8)

10:28.1 - 7th.place

2 Miles

John Friedman

9:29.02*(18th. place)

* new 11th. grade class record -- old record Friedman 9:41.3 (1997)
[2nd. fastest PA indoor all-time]



The boys' winter track team entered the 1997 season hoping to duplicate its successful 1996 campaign, in which the

Big Blue amassed an impressive season record and placed first in Interschols. To do so, the team first had to find replacements for the core of experienced veterans that graduated in 1996. The recently departed class, led by superstars such as Darren Dinneen, Brian Yates, and Ted Gillick, was one of the best in recent memory. To fill the void left by these athletes, a new crop of Andover standouts emerged, making 1997 a year of both individual and team success.

The Big Blue set the tone for the season in an early match-up with public school rival Tewksbury. Andover controlled the meet, placing first in nine out of the eleven events. The Blue further impressed, as Andover athletes swept the 300yd and the long jump. It was in the long jump that Steve Dise '97 first established himself as a team leader. After placing fifth (out of eighty competitors) a week earlier at the Dartmouth Invitational, Dise returned to Andover to dominate the Tewksbury meet, leading his team to a 68-27 victory.

Dise then had his most impressive achievement a week later against the undermanned team from Weston, Massachusetts when he broke the Phillips Academy indoor high jump record. Dise first surpassed Scott Schoeb's '89 long-standing mark of 6' 3.25" with a jump of 6' 3.5". On his very next jump, he then upped his own record by clearing a height of 6' 4". Dise would then go on to place first in all but one long jump and high jump competition for the remainder of the season.

The rest of the Andover contingent also experienced great success against Weston. Leading the way were Pat Rowe '97, Nate Jutras '97 and John Friedman '98 who placed first, second and third respectively in the mile. Andover competitors also swept the top three spots in the long jump and the pole vault en route to a convincing 86-16 win. After dominating both Tewksbury and Weston, the track team enjoyed a break in the schedule, which it used to regroup as meets with tougher competition, including Exeter, approached.

Jutras and Friedman, however, did not receive this rest, using the off-week to attend the Commonwealth Invitational, which boasted one of the most competitive set of milers in the country. Among the competitors were Brookline's Johnathon Ryley, the top-ranked miler in the nation, and Abdurizq Mohammed, who won the Footlocker Invitational, the country's premiere cross country meet. Ryley and Mohammed came in first and second respectively, with astounding times of 4:12 and 4:15. In light of the competition, Jutras and Friedman did Andover proud with excellent times, as Jutras placed fourth (4:23) and Friedman placed eighth (4:32).

Jutras and Friedman then rejoined their team to compete against the Naval Academy Prep School, a team which boasted some of the best sprinters that Andover would see all season. To offset the dominance of NAPS's short and middle distance athletes, the Blue relied on its long distance runners including Jutras and Friedman, as well as Co-Captain Justin Skinner '97. Andover used victories in the mile, two mile, long jump and high jump to overcome the powerful school from NAPS by the score of 63-44. Also, the mile relay team of Richie Powell '97, Jean Paul Bacariza '97, John Mohraz '97 and Co-Captain Socrates Kakoulides '97 turned in one of its most exciting performances of the year against NAPS. After Powell jumped out to a quick lead in the first leg of the race, NAPS stormed back, building an almost insurmountable lead in the second and third

legs. However, Andover's anchor leg was run by Kakoulides who turned in an inspirational performance, edging out his NAPS counterpart on the final turn.

Following the NAPS meet Andover sent its top competitors to the Reggie Lewis Memorial Center to compete in the McIntyre Elite Invitational Relays, and it was here that the track team experienced its greatest individual accomplishments. Both Andover's medley relay team and its long jump relay team placed first. The combination of Steve Dise, Andy Moon '97 and Lewis Brown '99 out jumped the competitive field with a combined mark of 59' 5", while the medley relay team turned in an even more impressive performance, as they came in with the year's second fastest time in the nation. Led by Nate Jutras who ran a 4:16.2 mile, the team, also consisting of Richie Powell '97 (400yd.) John Friedman '98 (800yd.) and Pat Rowe '97 (1200yd.) blew away the field with a time of 10:28.5.

After the impressive showing at the McIntyre relays, Andover entered what would prove to be its hardest meet of the year, a meeting in the cage with the Hillies of Haverhill High. The Blue relied heavily on its superiority in the field events. In these which Andover outscored Haverhill 28-8, to edge out the Hillies by the score of 49-46. Without the Blue's performance in the long jump, high jump, shot put, and pole vault, it wouldn't have been able to compensate for its shortcomings in the sprinting events, as Haverhill brought a powerful group of short distance runners led by Andy Alsop, the 1996 300yd state champion.

Building off the momentum from the Haverhill victory, Andover entered its final meet of the season, hoping to attain a perfect 5-0 record by defeating arch-rival Exeter. Despite the mediocre conditions at the Exeter track, Andover was able to overcome the Griffins by the score of 57-47, winning eight of twelve events.

The Exeter meet rounded out the winter track team's season in grand style. Along with the girls' team which also had a perfect season, the boys' once again set an expectation that will be difficult to meet in the coming years. The athletes' grace and skill will doubtlessly set the example for Andover track teams well into the 21st century.

Boys' and Girls' Teams Dominate With a Combined 9-0 Record

Winter Track Boasts Perfect Season

ANDOVER BOYS

1997 Season Best Performances

Event	Athlete	Result
50 yd Dash	R. Powell	5.7
300 yd	S. Dise	35.5
600 yd	P. Rowe	1:19.7
1000 yd	N. Jutras	2:27.1
Mile	N. Jutras	4:23
2 Mile	Friedman	9:54.7
50 yd Hur	A. Moon	7.0
Long Jump	S. Dise	21' 11"
High Jump	S. Dise	6' 4**
Pole Vault	K. Spring	9' 6"
Shot Put	Escamille	43' 9"
Mile Relay	R. Powell Bacariza J. Mohraz Kakoulides	3:48

*School Record



Photo / J. Mizutani

Kurt Spring '98, Andover's top pole vaulter, will be vital in the Blue's quest to repeat the success of this season in '99.



Nate Juras '97, a valuable addition to this year's track team, was one of the many contributors in the Blue's perfect season.

Photo / B. Pao

SPORT: GIRLS TRACK
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: KATE CROWLEY
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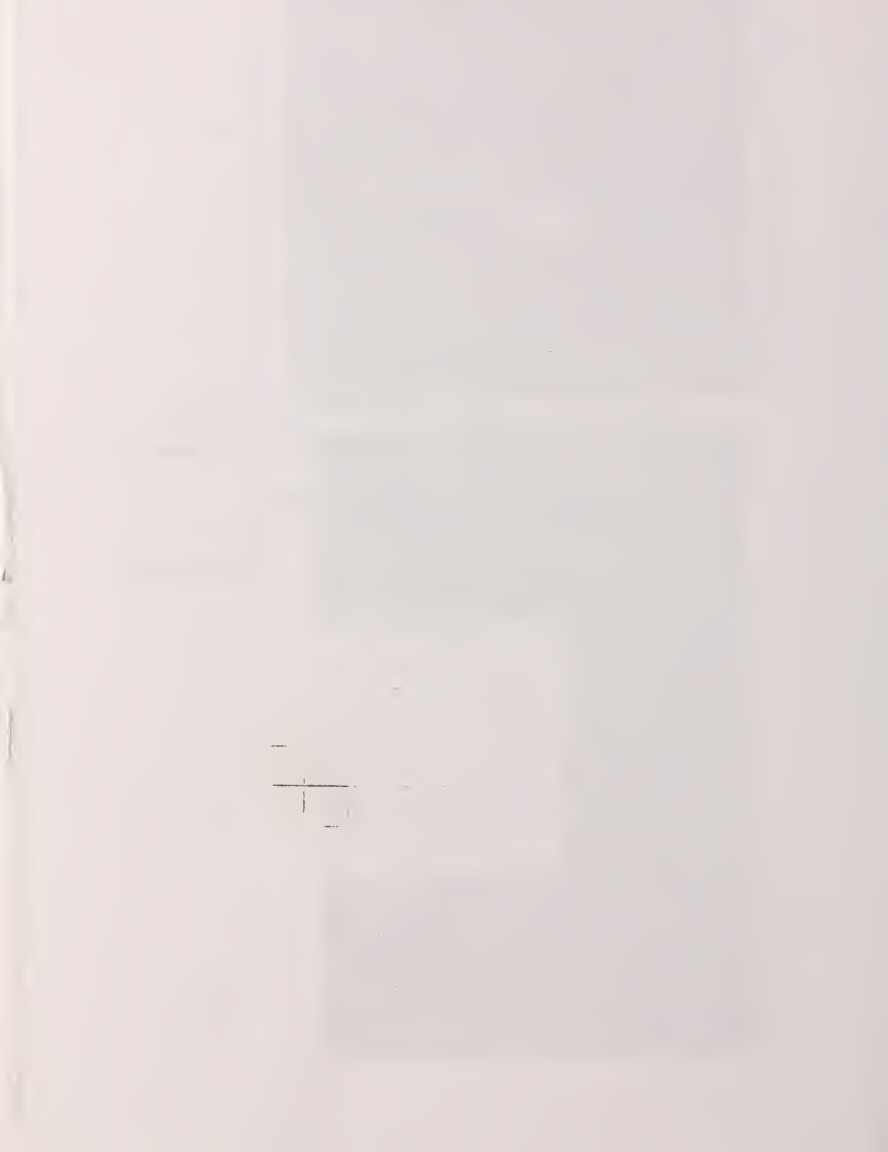
MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: JOHN STRUDWICK
ASSISTANT COACHES: D. Allen, L. Bernieri,
P. Joel, J. Landowne, J. Richards,
J. Stableford, N. Trepanier, A. Wilmer, C. Wilson

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Track - G Winter
Ackerman, Avra G.
Avery, Taliser R.
Baileer, Almut
Cole, Hannah J.
Crowley, Katherine M.(c)
Dixon, Anne C.
Edelstein, Sari L.
Greene, Lucy K.
Jay, Allison M.
Lane, Eva B.
McDonough, Christina V.
Prahl, Meagan M.
Smith, Heather E.
Vinton, Deborah T.



GIRLS TRACK

Sat., Jan. 11	Dartmouth Relays	away	
Wed., Jan. 15	Tewksbury	home	48-47
Wed., Jan. 22	Weston	home	76-24
Sat., Feb. 8	Boston University	away	
Wed., Feb. 12	Haverhill High	home	69-26
Sat., Feb. 22	Bowdoin	away	no team result
Wed., Feb. 26	Exeter	away	62 1/3 - 37 2/3

Dartmouth Relays, January 11th, 1997

Results

GIRLS:

800 Meters	Avra Ackerman	2:33.70 (5th. in heat)
	Ali Jay	2:37.90 (5th. in heat)
1 Mile	Kate Crowley	6:05.1
4x400 metres	Taliser Avery	
	Sharon Husbands	
	Lucy Greene	
	Almut Balleer	4:29.70 (2nd. in heat)
4x800 metres:	Kate Crowley	
	Ali Jay	
	Deb Vinton	
	Avra Ackerman	10:46.32 (12th. in heat)

BOYS:

Long Jump	Steve Dise	21' 11" (5th.)
	Andy Moon	18' 4"
High Jump	Steve Dise	6' 1" (6th.)
55m	Richard Powell	6.95 (15th.)
	Lewis Brown	6.89 (10th.) 6.91 in semi
55m Hurdles	Andy Moon	8.70 (20th.)
800 Metres	Patrick Rowe	2:02.98 (8th. in heat)
2 Miles	John Friedman	10:04.15 (4th. in heat)
4x400 metres:	Richard Powell	
	JP Bacariza	
	Lewis Brown	
	Socrates Kakoulides	3:40.87 (1st. in heat)
4x800 metres:	Nate Jutras	
	John Friedman	
	Justin Skinner	
	Patrick Rowe	8:35.91 (2nd. in heat)

Brandeis Invitational, December 21st., 1996

Results

GIRLS:

Pole Vault	Taliser Avery	8' 6.5" (5th.) -- New School Record (old record: Avery 7'0")
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BOYS:

Long Jump	Andy Moon	18' 8" (5th.)
55m Hurdles	Andy Moon	8.5

B/G: Gills

TOTAL TEAM POINTS	48	47
TEAM STANDINGS	1 st	2 nd

B/G Varifier

TEAM STANDINGS

Girls Are On Track

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	48
Tewksbury	47



The girls' indoor track season began this Wednesday with what will likely prove to be one of the year's most dramatic com-

petitions. Tewksbury jumped out to the early overall lead in the high jump and mile, and led Andover up until the final event when the Big Blue finally surpassed them and claimed a 48-47 victory.

Captain Kate Crowley '97 and her team entered the season enthusiastically, relying on their "strong new runners and great coaches." The team is relying especially heavily on its competitors in the middle and long distance events. Crowley, Avra Ackerman '98, Allison Jay '98, Deb Vinton '98, Sari Edelstein '98, and Anne Dixon '97 all hope to succeed in events of 600m or longer. Tali Avery '98, the school record holder in the pole vault (8'6"), along with Heather Smith '98 (high jump and long jump) should lead Andover in the field events.

The Big Blue's first competition of the season came on Wednesday in a home meet against Tewksbury High School. In the contest, Almut Balleer '97 quickly emerged as Andover's most dominant weapon as she won the 50m hurdles and the 300m with times of 8.1 seconds and 42.0 seconds respectively. Crowley and Vinton also

proved to be a quality combination by finishing second and third respectively in both the mile and the 1000m. Another long distance event, the two mile, turned out to be Andover's most productive event as Edelstein placed first (12:48.5), followed by Dixon (13:01.5).

Despite these contributions, the Big Blue still trailed by a slim margin entering the last event. The girls' one mile relay team was faced with a clear challenge as the entire meet hinged on its one race. Shortly after the race began, it became clear that Andover's team of Lucy Greene '00, Sharon Husbands '98, Jay, and Avery was the superior of the two squads. After the first lap, Greene fought past her Tewksbury counterpart to establish a lead that Andover would never relinquish. Running the anchor leg, Jay completed the mile with a time of 4:36.1; more than four seconds faster than Tewksbury's effort. This victory pushed Andover's point total to 48 which just edged out Tewksbury's 47.

The Big Blue will look to ride the emotional lift from this dramatic victory into future competition.

Girls' Track On A Roll

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	76
Weston	24



Andover entered its meet against Weston High School on an emotional high after the previous week's dramatic victory over Tewksbury. Like the boys' squad, the girls also faced a Weston team that was missing some of its vital contributors, including the national champion girls' pole vaulter. Weston, however, did have some success despite its lack of depth, but in the end, the Big Blue easily overcame the undermanned squad by a score of 76-24.

Deb Vinton '98 and Kate Crowley '97 continued their success in this meet as they drove Andover to an early lead by placing first and second respectively in the day's first event, the mile. Tali Avery '98 then added to the Andover lead by becoming the only scoring competitor in the pole vault by clearing a height of 8' 0".

Weston, however, responded well to Andover's fast start by placing first

in the following three events, the high jump, the 50 yd. hurdles, the 50 yd. sprint, but this success was short lived, as Andover went on to win the final seven events. This run was once again capped off by the mile relay team of Lucy Greene '00, Avery, Ally Jay '98 and Avra Ackerman '98. The Big Blue was most successful in the short to middle distance events as it placed first and second in the 300yd.(uncontested), 600yd., and 1000yd. events. Sari Edelstein '98 (12:38) and Anne Dixon '97 (12:42) also led the Blue to success in the meet's longest event, the two mile, by claiming the first and second places respectively.

In the field event, Heather Smith '98 led the team with a first place finish in the long jump (14' 3") and a second place finish in the high jump (4' 6"). Also, Hannah Cole '98 surpassed the field in the shot put with her throw of 30' 0". Teammate Shaina Jones '99 also performed well, as she placed third with a throw of 25' 4.5".

The 76-24 victory lifts the Big Blues season record to 2-0. The team's next opportunity to build on this strong start will come a week from Saturday against Naval Academy Prep School.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
Mile		
Deb Vinton	1	5:42.3
Kate Crowley	2	5:43.6
Long Jump		
Heather Smith	1	14' 3"
Ally Jay	2	13' 10"
Andrea Campbell	3	12' 6"
Pole Vault		
Taliser Avery	1	8' 0"
50 yd Hurdle		
Almut Balleer	2	7.8
Shot Put		
Hannah Cole	1	30' 0"
Shaina Jones	3	25' 4"
50 yd Dash		
Megan Pahl	2	6.9
Lucy Green	3	6.9
600 yd		
Avra Ackerman	1	1:37.8
Ally Jay	2	1:38.0
2 Mile		
Sari Edelstein	1	12:38
Anne Dixon	2	12:42
High Jump		
Heather Smith	2	4' 6"
300 yd Dash		
Almut Balleer	1	42.3
Taliser Avery	2	42.8
Sharon Husbands	3	44.5
1000 yd		
Kate Crowley	1	3:08
Deb Vinton	2	3:10
Mile Relay		
Lucy Greene, Taliser Avery, Ally Jay, Avra Ackerman	1	4:34.0

Track Ready And Waiting

by Dan Sloan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This week, the girls' indoor track team was denied the opportunity to improve on its perfect 2-0 record when Naval Academy Preparatory School brought only a single athlete to Saturday's competition. Because of this, the girls held an unscored meet, competing primarily against themselves. Thus, the team's main goals for the afternoon were to perform well and strive for personal best times and distances.

In this respect, Tali Avery '98 led the team matching her school record height of 8' 6" in the pole vault, a mark she set earlier this season at the Brandies Invitational. Notably enough, Avery's mark equals that of the second place finisher in the boys' meet. Deb Vinton '98 also took advantage of Saturday's opportunity when she was given the chance to compete in the two mile for the first time this season. Vinton placed first, in front of team captain, Kate Crowley '97, with the best Andover finish of the season (12:13.1).

Above all, though, Saturday's exhibition functioned as a tune up for future meets including next week's competitions with Haverhill High and Central High.



With NAPS not showing, the girls had time to practice

Photo / O.Mark

McIntyre Elite Invitational Relays, February 8th. 1997

Reggie Lewis Track

Results

U.S.:

DMR

Deb Vinton (4:06.7)

Almut Balleer (63.1)

Avra Ackerman (2:35.2)

Kate Crowley (5:41.8)

13:26.9 - 2nd. place

S:

Long Jump Relay

Steve Dise (21' 7.25" (1st.))

Andy Moon (19' 2.5" (5th.))

Lewis Brown (18' 8.5")

59' 5.25" - 1st. place

Meet Record

4x200m Realy

Ritchie Powell (23.6)

Steve Dise (23.2)

Andy Moon (24.5)

Lewis Brown (23.7)

1:35.0 - 7th. place

DMR

Patrick Rowe (3:15.2)

Ritchie Powell (52.2)

John Friedman (2:05.0)

Nate Jutras (4:16.2)

10:28.5 - 1st. place

Meet Record

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

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vs. 1 Haverhill

B/G: ✓

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Maine USATE, February 22nd, 1997 @ Bowdoin College
Results

GIRLS:

55 meters	Meagan Pahl	8.1 secs. (6th.)	(1,11)
400 metres	Almut Balleer	64.5 secs. (4th.)	(4,49)
	Lucy Greene	66.9 secs. (5th.)	(2,13.5)
800 meters	Avra Ackerman	2:32.1 (3rd.)	(6,22.25)
	Ali Jay	2:33.2 (5th.)	(2,17.75)
1 Mile	Kate Crowley	5:49.5 (6th.)	(1,33)
2 Miles	Deb Vinton	12:13.1 (6th.)	(1,24)
	Anne Dixon	12:33.1 (8th.)	
Long Jump	Heather Smith	15' 8.5" (6th.)	(1,28)
Pole Vault	Taliser Avery	nh	
4x400 metres	Taliser Avery (63)		(2,36.75)
	Lucy Greene (69)		(2,15.5)
	Avra Ackerman (70)		(2,24.25)
	Almut Balleer (66)	4:28.6 (2nd.)	(2,51)

BOYS:

Long Jump	Steve Dise	21' 10.5" (1st.)	(10,51)
	Andy Moon	19' 7.25" (5th.)	(2,32)
High Jump	Steve Dise	6' 0" (2nd.)	(8,59)
55 metres	Lewis Brown	6.81 (2nd.)	(8,17)
	Richard Powell	6.81 (3rd.)	(6,24.25)
55m hurdles	Andy Moon	8.5 (4th. in heat)	
200 metres	Rob Kinast	23.4 (4th.)	(4,9)
400 metres	Jon Mohraz	55.1 (5th.)	(2,9.25)
	Jon-Paul Bacariza	55.6 (6th.)	(1,6.75)
	Socrates Kakoulides	55.6 (7th.)	
800 metres	Patrick Rowe	2:00.3 (2nd.)	(8,33)
	Colin Dinneen	2:08.7 (8th.)	
1 Mile	Nate Jutras	4:17.9 (1st)	(10,23)
	Justin Skinner	4:45.5 (9th.)	
2 Miles	John Friedman	9:41.3 (2nd)**	(8,26)
	Andy Hsu	11:11.8 (11th.)	
1 Mile race walk	Chris McKallagat	9:43.4 (4th.)	
4x200 metres	Andy Moon (24.5)		(2,5,34.5)
	Lewis Brown (24.2)		(2,5,19.5)
	Rob Kinast (23.4)		(2,5,11.5)
	Steve Dise (23.2)	1:35.3 (1st.)	(2,5,61.5)
4x400 metres	Richard Powell (53.6)		(2,5,26.75)
	Jon Mohraz (56.1)		(2,5,11.75)
	Socrates Kakoulides (56.4)		(2,5,19.75)
	Patrick Rowe (53.2)	3:39.3 (1st.)	(2,5,35.5)

Athletes of the meet: Nate Jutras and Rob Kinast

** new 11th. grade record (old record, Greg Whitmore ('93) 9: 47.8)

Letter winners: Lewis Brown, Jon Mohraz, Rob Kinast

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

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Exeter

B/G: Vars. f.

	1 st . Place — 5pts.	2 ^d . Place — 3pts.	3 ^r . Place — 1pt.					
EVENT	COMPETITOR	Team H.F. F.O.B.	COMPETITOR	Team H.F. F.O.B.	COMPETITOR	Team H.F. F.O.B.	P.A.	P.E.
mile	Crowley	A 5:56.6	Vinton	A 5:58.3	Zuckerman	A 6:08.9	9	0
50 H.	Giamppapa**	E 7.2	Bergofsky	E 7.8	Balleer	A 8.3	1	8
shot put	Josephis	E 32' 7"	Ireland	E 29' 2½"	Jones	A 27' ¾"	1	8
50 dash	Giamppapa	E 6.6	Bergofsky	E 6.6	Timpo	E 6.8	0	9
600,	Ackerman	A 1:40.1	Smithn	E 1:41.8	Jay	A 1:42.1	6	17
Long J.	Giamppapa	E 15' 9"	Smithn	A 14' ½"	Fahcy	E 13' 1⅞"	3	6
Pole V.	Avery *	A 8'	—	—	—	—	5	0
High J.	Smithn	A 4' 8"	Lane	A 4'	Pittman	A 4'	9	34
2 mile	Vinton***	A 12:45.6	Dixan	A 12:49.9	Edelstein	A 12:53.3	9	43
300	Balleer	A 4:22	Bergofsky	E 4:35	Timpo Avery Smith	E 4:38	5½	33
1000	Jay	A 3:09.3	Hung Crowley	(B) 3:11.2	Abbott Crowley	A 3:16.4	5	0
4x4 relay	A	4:42.1	E	4:53.5			5	0
	Avery Greene Ackerman Balleer							
*	new record (new event)							
**	new A/E record (old record Charlie Dize + Catherine Kidd 1994)						1994/5	76
***	new A/E record (old record Jessica Rocha 13-23-6 1994)							
					TOTAL TEAM POINTS			
					TEAM STANDINGS			

National Scholastic Track and Field Championships, March 8th. 1997

Reggie Lewis Track

Results

GIRLS:

Pole Vault

Taliser Avery

8ft. (12th. place)

BOYS:

DMR

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Nate Jutras (4:20.8)

10:28.1 - 7th.place

2 Miles

John Friedman

9:29.02*(18th. place)

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[2nd. fastest PA indoor all-time]

Almut Balleer '97

by Jim Ellis
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Almut Balleer '97 is a one year senior running for the powerful PA track team. Almut's forceful running in the 50m hurdles, the 300m run, the 4x4 relay, and occasionally the 50m sprint was a great benefit to this year's track team. Her efforts helped pave the way to the girls' undefeated season, including its exciting victories over Exeter and other rivals.

Almut matriculated to Andover as an international student from across the cold waters of the Atlantic, in the heart of Germany. The town where Almut spent the first seventeen years of her life is called Gottingen, practically a small city with a sizable population of 200,000 people. Almut has grown up with a lot of support and reinforcement. Her parents, grandparents and brother all live back in Germany while Almut also has an older brother and sister who are living

Abroad. Her siblings' experiences clearly aided her in the choice of and transition to an American school.

Coming into the intense sports arena of PA, Almut was no stranger to the competition of racing. She had been competing exclusively in track for about four years in Germany before she came to Andover. Almut has always been a very active athlete, starting at the young age of six. Although Almut's parents have never tried to push her into being an athlete, they have always been very supportive of her running as well as her decision to take the year abroad and attend Phillips Academy. In fact no one really influenced her start in the world of sports. Almut doesn't really seem to know how or why her drive for sports came about. She commented, "I never questioned why I started being competitive; it all seemed to be very natural to me." This is reflected in the ferocity with which she runs, a ferocity which encourages team members and generally galvanizes interest in the sport.

Although Almut has always had a deep passion for her town and her country, she felt the need to make her life more extraordinary and exciting. A program called Kemper Scholars, which informs students about the opportunities at PA, found its way to Almut's school. In response to this, Almut packed her bags for a one-year experience at PA. She has been trying to get the most out of Andover life, on and off the track, knowing that she will return to Germany for another two years of high school.

The PA track team has been a lot of fun and excitement for Almut in the '97 season. In Germany, she does not have the same feeling of team unity and cooperation because there are no any school sponsored sports; athletes had the unfortunate handicap of having to go out and find a club team. Almut commented on the wonderful PA team, saying, "I loved the feeling of friendship and unity on the track. The warm atmosphere made it easy for me to meet a lot of great people."

Almut Balleer is not an athlete that is plagued with motivational problems or superstitions, problems that many athletes carry. When she steps on the track for practice, her mind is always focused on her goals. Almut simply has a love for the competitive spirit, and that is what has given her success over the years in sprinting. Almut drives herself to the limits of training, craving the feeling of accomplishment that accompanies success on the track.



Two Perfect Seasons

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	62
Exeter	38



On Wednesday, the girls headed up to Exeter for their last meet of the regular season. PA was expected to win by a land slide at the meet, but the Exeter team proved to be very competitive. Nevertheless, the Big Blue prevailed and extended its final record to a flawless 5-0, with a 62-38 victory over the Red.

The PA girls long distance claimed the top three spots in the 1000yd, mile, and the two mile runs. With these outstanding efforts, they

were able to clinch the win for the Big Blue. Captain Kate Crowley '97 led most of the way in the mile and dominated the competition, finishing in first place. She was followed by teammates Deborah Vinton '98 and Sarah Zukerman '98.

The two mile and the 1000yd were similar to the mile, with PA runners dominating the races. In the two mile, the girls took a slow start, but kicked it into overdrive during the last few laps to grab a hold of the first, second, and third places. In the mile relay, teammates Tali Avery '98, Lucy Greene '99, Avra Ackerman '98, and Almut Balleer '97, crushed the Exeter relay team by an incredible ten seconds.

In the pole vault, Tali Avery had the only real competitive day, as the only athlete to clear a height. She jumped 8'0". Avery was able to qualify for the Nationals, which will take place March seventh. In the high jump, the PA girls swept Griffin's girls with the strong legs of Heather Smith '98, Eva Lane '99, and Maureca Pittman '97.

In the 300yd, PA sprinter Almut Balleer '97 was all alone in her success, taking the first but leaving second and third place for Exeter's women. The 600yd was more successful for the girls. It was anybody's race

until the end, when Avra Ackerman '98 took control and beat out the second place Griffin by a second. Trailing on the heels of both runners was Ally Jay '98.

The Blue only struggled in three events, the 50yd dash, the 50yd hurdles and the shot put. Balleer (50yd hurdles) and Shaina Jones '97 (shot put) were the only Andover competitors to place in these events.

The victory over Exeter completes a superb, undefeated season for the girls' track team. After the meet Avra Ackerman commented on the performances of her teammates, saying that "they all stepped up in their performance level. It was great to end on such a high note. We proved that we were the number one team, and there is nothing left for us to do."

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
300 yd		
A. Balleer	1	42.2
T. Avery	3	43.8
600 yd		
A. Ackerman	1	1:40.1
A. Jay	3	1:42.4
1000 yd		
A. Jay	1	3:08.3
K. Crowley	2	3:11.2
Mile		
K. Crowley	1	5:52.6
D. Vinton	2	5:56.3
2 Mile		
D. Vinton	1	12:45.6
A. Dixon	2	12:49.9
50 yd Hurdle		
A. Balleer	2	8.3
Mile Relay		
A. Balleer, T. Avery, L. Greene, A. Ackerman	1	4:42.1
Long Jump		
H. Smith	2	14'6"
High Jump		
H. Smith	1	4'2"
E. Lane	2	3'10"
Shot Put		
S. Jones	2	27'9"
Pole Vault		
T. Avery	1	8'0"



The girls' winter track team had an incredible 1997 with a perfect 4-0 record in a season overflowing with drama. Under the senior leadership of Captain Kate Crowley '97, the team competed against one tough opponent after another, claiming victory in every contest, sometimes by the slimmest of margins.

The girls set the tone for the season right off the bat with a one-point victory over Tewksbury (48-47) in what would prove to be the most exciting competition of the year. In this, the first meet of the season, Andover prevailed on the strength of a dramatic performance by the mile relay team of Lucy Greene '00, Sharon Husbands '98, Ally Jay '98 and Tali Avery '98. With a first place finish in this event the girls' erased a six point deficit to claim the narrow victory.

In the Tewksbury meet, PG Almut Balleer also shined, emerging as Andover principal threat in the sprinting and hurdle events. She placed first in both the 50yd hurdles and the 300yd dash.

This performance ignited a slew of top three finishes for Balleer that earned her the honors of winter Athlete of the Term.

The final key to the Andover season opening victory was the effective combination of Captain Crowley and newcomer Deb Vinton '98, who earned valuable points for their team by placing second and third in both the mile and the 1000yd.

After this intense match-up with Tewksbury, Andover competed against an undermanned Weston team, allowing the Blue to rest and regroup while still producing a convincing win.

Weston, the victim of a grueling schedule, left many of its athletes at home and sent a select few to national competitions, including the team's national champion pole vaulter.

Unfortunately, because of this, Avery, Andover's school record holder in the girls' pole vault, was denied the chance for a one-on-one showdown with one of the country's best.

In the meet, Andover dominated the depleted team, winning by the score of 76-24. The Big Blue had enormous success, claiming the top two spots in five events, the 300yd, 600yd, 1000yd, two mile, and the long jump.

Heather Smith '98 put together a first place finish in the long jump and a second place finish in the high jump to lead the Blue in the field events. Smith, a consistent performer throughout the year, never placed lower than second all season in either the high jump or long jump.

Hannah Cole '98 also contributed to the Blue's dominance in the field events, winning the shot put with a throw of thirty feet. The combination of Cole and Smith helped ward off a potentially disappointing season with solid contributions in every meet.

After the Weston meet the squad went from January 24 to February 14 without an official meet. The Blue did hold an unscored meet during this stretch when their scheduled competition, Naval Academy Prep School, failed to field an entire team.

The Blue finally returned to the cage in mid-February to square off with the Hillies from Haverhill, MA. Andover seemed to have benefited from the extended layoff as they manhandled Haverhill by the score of 76-24.

Once again, the team was led by Crowley who placed first in both the mile and the 1000yd. Crowley also provided an exceptional amount of vocal support to keep her team enthusiastic in the face of such lackluster competition.

Racking up points against Haverhill, Balleer, Avra Ackerman '98, Vinton, Cole and the mile relay team of Greene, Jay, Sari Edelstein '98, and Avery all came in with first place finishes. While running the Blue's record to a perfect 3-0, the impressive Andover victory built vital momentum as the all important confrontation with Exeter approached.

On Wednesday, February 26, the Blue traveled to Exeter for its first and only away meet of the season. Clearly the meet was incredibly important, as much of the entire season's success is measured by the Blue's performance against Exeter.

Andover emerged from the contest with a sound 62-38 victory. Placing first in eight out of twelve events, Andover turned in a quality all-around performance. The Blue was especially dominant in the middle to long distance events, as five different Andover athletes placed first in events ranging from the 300yd to the two mile. Most impressive was the performance of Jay who beat out Crowley in the 1000yd by almost three full seconds.

Andover also received significant contributions from its competitors in the field events, as Smith, once again, placed first in the high jump and added a second place finish in the long jump.

Also, Avery took advantage of the fact that the pole vault was held as an actual scoring event, placing first with a height of 8' 0", just six inches short of her school record which she set earlier in the season at the Brandeis Invitational. Shaina Jones '99 rounded out Andover's effort in the field events with one of her best performances in the shot put with a throw of 27' 9".

All in all, the girls' team formed a cohesive unit to overcome arch-rival Exeter by the impressive score of 62-38. With this victory, Andover ran its record to a perfect 4-0, bringing pride to an Andover athletic program that appeared muddled in a disappointing year.

Andover will look to continue its success in the 1998 season, as it returns an unusually large group of quality athletes.

Tali Avery, Heather Smith and Avra Ackerman, among others, should lead the Blue in its attempts to repeat the undefeated 1997 season.

Winter Track Boasts Perfect Season

Boys' and Girls' Teams Dominate With a Combined 9-0 Record

ANDOVER GIRLS

1997 Season Best Performances

Event	Athlete	Result
50 yd Dash	A. Balleer	6.8
300 yd	A. Balleer	41.3
600 yd	Ackerman	1:37.8
1000 yd	Crowley	3:08
Mile	D. Vinton	5:42.3
2 Mile	D. Vinton	12:13.9
50 yd Hur	A. Balleer	7.8
Long Jump	H. Smith	15' 4.5"
High Jump	H. Smith	4' 6"
Pole Vault	T. Avery	8' 6"
Shot Put	H. Cole	30' 9"
Mile Relay	L. Greene	4:34.0
	T. Avery	
	A. Jay	
	Ackerman	

*School Record

SPORT: Varsity Wrestling
YEAR: '96 - '97

CAPTAIN: Andrew Zeitlin '97
HOME ADDRESS: Stowe, Massachusetts

MANAGERS: Melissa Diaz '98
HOME ADDRESS: Krista Wepsic '98
Dawn Duplichan '98

COACH: Robert Gannon
ASSISTANT COACHES:
Richard Gorham, Mark Efinger, Bing Sung

SEASON RECORD

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Wrestling
Adams, Herbert D., III
Briceno, Gonzalo H.
Chase, Gregory V.
Cho, Edward J.
Denham, James S.
deQuadros, Nishant M.
Gerstenberger, Fera
Harlan, Nikolaos J.
Hersch, Jeremy L.
Holmes, Robert L.
Huang, Jen-Li K.
Jonas, Adam C.
Kagan, Eli S.
Kagan, Moses J.
Kaye, Noah
Obst, Lawrence A.
Riehl, Matthew E.
Sung, Max W.
Wepsic, Krista G. (M)
Zeitlin, Andrew F. (C)

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT class	CLASS of	POSITION Season Record
Adam Jonas		103	2000	16-4
Matt Riehl		112	1999	14-8
Niko Harlan		119	1997	8-11
Eddie Cho		125	1998	3-1 (began late in season)
Gonzalo Briceño		130	1997	12-8
Jeremy Hersch		135	1999	17-3
Moses Kagan		140	1998	15-4
Andrew Zeitlin		145	1997	12-7
Joah Kaye		152	1999	16-3
Greg Chase		160	1998	11-7
Harry Obst		171	1997	5-3 (began late in season)
Robert Holmes		189	1997	10-8
James Denham		Heavy (275)	1998	4-11

DATE OF CONTEST: December 7, 1996

OPPONENT: Govenner-Dummer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 57
GDA 12

119 Riehl, M.	WBF	1:52	
125 deQuadros, N.	WBF	1:16	
130 Briceno, G.	WBF	3:32	
140 Kagan, M.	WBF	1:24	
145 Sung, M.	10	12	GDA
152 Kaye, N.	WBF	:42	
160 Chase, G.	WBF	1:26	
171 Kagan, E.	10	13	GDA
189 Quilty-Dunn, L.	1:27	WBF	GDA
Huy. Denham, J	12	6	

Win by Forfeit

103 Jonas, A.

112 MacDonald, A.

135 Hersch, J.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 11, 1997

OPPONENT: Brewster

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 78
Brewster 0

103 Jonas, A.	WBF	4:26
112 Riehl, M.	WBF	:44
119 Harlan, N.	WBF	:35
160 Napolitano, M.	WBF	1:10
189 Holmes, R.	WBF	1:06
Hvy. Denham, J	WBF	3:59

Win by Forfeit

125 deQuadros, N.

130 Briano, G.

135 Hersch, J.

140 Kagan, M.

145 Zeitlin, A.

152 Chase, G.

171 → Napolitano, M.
McGonigle, B

Winning Team					Losing Team
103	<u>ANDOVER</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Brewster</u>	
	<u>JONAS, A</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>4:26</u>	<u>Brouillard</u>	
112	<u>Riehl, M</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:44</u>	<u>Song-Kim, J</u>	
119	<u>Harlan, N</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:35</u>	<u>Levine, N</u>	
125	<u>DeQuadrato, N</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
130	<u>Briceno, G</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
135	<u>Hersh, J</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
140	<u>Kagan, M</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
145	<u>Zeitlin, A</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
152	<u>CHASE, G</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
160	<u>NARABITANO, M</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:10</u>	<u>Martino, M</u>	
171	<u>McGougle, B</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	
189	<u>HOLMES, R</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:06</u>	<u>McALLISTER</u>	
FWT.	<u>DENHAM, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:59</u>	<u>LARSON</u>	

Date 1-11-97 Site Deerfield

Winning Team's Record 4-0 Losing Team's Record —

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DATE OF CONTEST: January 11, 1997

OPPONENT: Tilton

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 78
Tilton 0

130 Briceno, G.	WBF	3:41
135 Hersch, J.	WBF	:48
140 Sung, M.	WBF	1:10
145 Zeitlin, A.	WBF	3:01
152 Chase, G.	WBF	:35
160 Kaye, N.	WBF	2:42
164 Holmes, R.	WBF	:56

Win by Forfeit

103	Jonas, A.
112	Riehl, M.
119	Harlan, N.
125	deQuadros, N.
171	McGonigle, B.
189	Kagan, E.

Wining Team					Losing Team
103	<u>ANDOVER</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>TILTON</u>	
	<u>JONAS, A</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
112	<u>Rich, M</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
119	<u>Harlan, N</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
125	<u>DeQuadros, N</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
130	<u>Briceno, G</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:41</u>	<u>Yoo, Shawn</u>	
135	<u>Hersh, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>:48</u>	<u>Thornton</u>	
140	<u>SUNG, M</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:10</u>	<u>Fsui</u>	
145	<u>Zeitlin, A</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:01</u>	<u>Yoo, Sanghun</u>	
152	<u>CHASE, G</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>:35</u>	<u>Seagle</u>	
160	<u>Kaye, N</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>0:42</u>	<u>Bonetti</u>	
171	<u>McGanigle, B</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
189	<u>Kagan, E</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
HWT.	<u>HOLMES, R</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>:56</u>	<u>Altieri</u>	

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Site Deerfield

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DATE OF CONTEST: January, 11, 1997

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: Andover 39
Deerfield 28

103 Jonas, A.	WBF	3:59
112 Riehl, M.	:40	WBF Deerfield
119 Harlan, N.	13	(O.T.) 15 Deerfield
125 deQuadros, N.	:35	WBF Deerfield
130 Briceno, G.	0	6 Deerfield
135 Hersch, J.	WBF	1:11
140 Kagan, M.	6	4
145 Zeitlin, A.	3	11 Deerfield
152 Chase, G.	WBF	(2nd Period)
160 Kaye, N.	WBF	5:55
171 McGonigle, B.	WBF	1:25
189 Kagan, E.	WBF	1:07
Hvy. Denham, J.	:46	WBF Deerfield

Winning Team				Losing Team
103	<u>ANDOVER</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>DEERFIELD</u>
	<u>JONAS, ADAM</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:59</u>	<u>ALTMAN, P</u>
112	<u>RIEHL, MATT</u>	<u>:40</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>LAW, R</u>
119	<u>Harlan, NIKO</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>(OT) 15</u>	<u>Jean, A</u>
125	<u>DeQUADROS, N</u>	<u>:35</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>Raubacher, C</u>
130	<u>Briceno, G</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Steinglass, C</u>
135	<u>Hersh, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:11</u>	<u>YAMAGUCHI, R</u>
140	<u>KAGAN, MO</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>ARMSTRONG, J</u>
145	<u>ZEITLIN, ANDY</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Stream, G</u>
152	<u>CHASE, GREG</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>(1st period) (?)</u>	<u>JOLIS, T</u>
160	<u>Kaye, Noah</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>5:55</u>	<u>Simonson, W</u>
171	<u>McGonigle, B</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:25</u>	<u>Kim, Y</u>
189	<u>Kagan, Eli</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:07</u>	<u>Schmid, B</u>
HWT.	<u>Denham, J</u>	<u>:46</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>Panock, J</u>

Date 1-11-97

Site DEERFIELD

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DATE OF CONTEST: January 15, 1997

OPPONENT: Worcester

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 48
Worcester 19

103 Jonas, A.	WBF	:31	
112 Riehl, M.	WBF	2:52	
119 Harlan, N.	WBF	:17	
125 deQuadros, N.	3	8	Worcester
130 Briceno, G.	4 (o.t.)	2	
135 Hersch, J.	7	0	
140 Kagan, M.	WBF	2:55	
145 Zeitlin, A.	5:40	WBF	Worcester
152 Kaye, N.	WBF	1:26	
160 Lue, A.	2	11	Worcester
171 Adams, D.	WBF	:55	
189 Kagan, E.	:44	WBF	Ange
Huy Denham, J.	WBF	:54	

DATE OF CONTEST: January 15, 1997

OPPONENT: Hyde

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 52
Hyde 22

103 Jonas, A.	WBF	3:45	
112 Riehl, M.	WBF	4:32	
119 Harlan, N.	WBF	2:32	
130 Briceño, G.	WBF	2:34	
135 Hersch, J.	11	0	
145 Kagan, M.	WBF	:25	
145 Zeitlin, A.	WBF	5:28	
152 Kaye, N.	WBF	1:12	
160 Lue, A.	9	24	Hyde
171 Adams, D.	5:16	WBF	Hyde
189 Holmes, R.	4:18	WBF	Hyde
Hvy. Denham, J.	2:58	WBF	Hyde
125 DeQuadros, N.		Forfeit	

Wrestling Brings New Talent And Experience To The Mats

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Andover Wrestling began the year in need of a makeover. The team, coming off an average season

last year, returned only four concrete starters, and only five seniors. Larry Obst '97, a starter from last season and an excellent wrestler, began the season on the bench with a broken wrist. With roughly eight varsity spots to be filled, this young wrestling team has its work cut out for it.

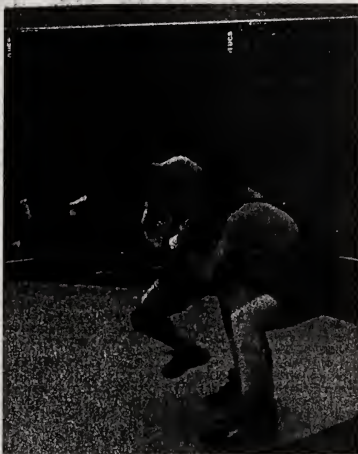
In their first scrimmage match, the wrestlers defeated Brooks for the first time in recent memory. Next, they defeated a strong Governor Dummer Academy in the first true dual-meet of the season. On Saturday, January 11, the Andover wrestling team traveled to Deerfield to compete against three

other teams in the group's first quad-meet of the year. Deerfield, one of the strongest teams in the league, has gotten the better of Andover for the past seven years. Still, the Andover wrestlers, with the inspiration of head coach Gannon, went into Saturday's contest with an optimistic attitude.

The meet began with Junior 103 pound sensation Adam Jonas pinning his opponent and setting the tone for the match. Deerfield responded by winning the next four matches at the 112, 119, 125, and 130 pound classes. Andover came back with strong wins from Lower Jeremy Hersch at 135 lbs, and Upper Moses Kagan at 140 lbs. Andover's captain, Senior Andy Zeitlin, had a huge match, but came up short against Deerfield's 145 pound wrestler, who is favored to win class A's. Next, Upper Greg Chase and Lower Noah Kaye pinned their opponents, at 152 and 160 pounds respectively. With the score 27-29 in Deerfield's favor, and only three matches left, Andover urgently needed wins. Two lowers stepped up to the task. At the 171 and 189 pound classes Bill McGonigle and Eli Kagan took over, securing the lead from Deerfield and sealing the match, adding another win to the Blue's unbeaten record. The final score was Andover 39, Deerfield 29.

The shocking victory over Deerfield added legitimacy to what the Andover wrestlers already believe: Andover is the team to beat in Prep wrestling.

Later that day, the Andover Wrestlers competed against both Tilton and Brewster. Andover turned up the intensity a notch and defeated both teams by perfect scores of 78-0. Taking wins were Jonas, Matt Riehl '99, Hersch, Noah Kaye '99, Mike Napolitano '98, Max Sung '99, M. Kagan, E. Kagan, Rob Holmes '97, James Denham '98, Zeitlin, Gonzo Bricino '97, Chase, Niko Harlen '97,



Senior Gonzalo Bricino tries to swing his opponent down to the mat

Photo / O.Mark

and Nishant deQuadros '97.

Wednesday, January 15, Andover went up against two of the top New England Prep wrestling teams: Worcester and Hyde. Andover wrestled well against Worcester, winning 48-19. In their second match of the evening, the Blue went up against a tough Hyde team. Andover came out like thunder, and completely stifled Hyde, by jumping to a 52-0 lead. Once again lead by 103 pound Junior, Jonas,

who remains undefeated at 6-0. Harlen, M. Kagan, Riehl, Andy Zeitlin, Kaye, and Bricino all had pins for Andover. Hersch also had an impressive 11-0 victory over his opponent. The meet ended with another impressive Andover victory by a score of Andover 52, Hyde 22.

The wrestling team with a record of 6-0, goes up against Loomis Chafee, Belmont Hill, and Brewster next.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 18, 1997

OPPONENT: Belmont Hill

WHERE PLAYED: Belmont Hill

RESULT: Andover 7
Belmont Hill 52

103 Jonas, A :35 WBF B.H.
112 Riehl, M. 5:04 WBF B.H.
119 Harlan, N. 1:34 WBF B.H.
125 delQuadros, N. 1:32 WBF B.H.
130 Brieno, G. 19-4 WTF B.H.
135 Hersch, J. 12 2
140 Kagan, M. 4 0
145 Zeitlin, A. 1:54 WBF B.H.
152 Chase, G. 5:25 WBF B.H.
160 Napolitano, M. 5 6 B.H.
171 Kagan, E. 3:40 WBF B.H.
189 Holmes, R. 3:11 WBF B.H.
Hvy. Denham, J. 1:31 WBF B.H.

Belmont Hill

Competing first against undefeated powerhouse Belmont Hill, the Blue struggled early in the meet and never really caught their stride.

Andover's undefeated wrestlers went into the match with high expectations but came out gasping for air. The excellent Belmont Hill team beat Andover in 11 of the 13 matches wrestled. The only high points for Andover were wins by Moses Kagan '98 and Jeremy Hersch '99.

DATE OF CONTEST! January 18, 1997

OPPONENT! Loomis-Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED! Belmont Hill

RESULT! Andover 36
Loomis-Chaffee 31

103 Jonas, A. 15 9
119 Harlan, N. :33 WBF L.C.
125 deQuadros, N. 2:20 WBF L.C.
130 Brieno, G. 4 6 L.C.
135 Hersch, J. 1:57. WBF L.C.
140 Kagan, M. 3 0
171 Kagan, E. 4 13 L.C.
189 Holmes, R. WBF 1:38
Hvy. Denham 3:18 WBF L.C.

Win by forfeit

112 Riehl, M.
145 Zeitlin, A.
152 Chase, G.
160 Napolitano, M.

Loomis-Chaffee

Later that day, Andover wrestled Class A rival Loomis-Chaffee.

The match began with junior Adam Jonas coming back from a loss against Belmont Hill, to win a huge match at 103 pounds. Though small, the Chaffee team wrestled with astonishing zest, keeping the match close. Moses Kagan '97 and Robert Holmes '97 sealed the victory.

DATE OF CONTEST! January 22, 1997

OPPONENT! North Andover High

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT! Andover 36

North Andover 35

112 Ruhl, M 1:14 WBF N.A.
119 Harlan, J. :35 WBF N.A.
125 deQuadros, M 5:05 WBF N.A.
130 Briceno, G. 4 16 N.A.
135 Hersch, J. 7 2
140 Sung, M. WBF 2:48
145 Zeitlin, A. WBF 2:16
152 Kaye, N. 6 14 N.A.
160 Napolitano, M. 16 0
171 Adams, T. 0 8 N.A.
189 Holmes 12 11
215. Quilty-Dunn, L. WBF :53
Hvy. Denham, J. :48 WBF N.A.

North Andover

On Wednesday, January 22, the wrestling team wrestled at home against the North Andover Red Knights. Coming off a disappointing weekend, the Blue came into the match looking to knock the wind out of the undefeated Knights. Due to sickness and injury however, three of the fourteen Andover varsity wrestlers did not compete.

At 103 pounds, junior Adam Jonas took a forfeit. After that, the Knights won four matches in a row, bringing the home team to its knees and moving the score to 22-6. Then, at 135 pounds, lower Jeremy Hersch came back to win by decision after being injured early in the match. Max Sung '99, captain Andy Zeitlin '97, Noah Kaye '99, Rob Holmes '97, and Liam Quilty-Dunn '98 also recorded victories.

With momentum on their side, the Blue surged ahead to a 35-30 lead, but eventually the Red Knights proved too much.



Andover wrestling lost by a mere point to a talented North Andover squad

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win by forfeit
103 Jonas A.

Winning Team					Losing Team
103	<u>N. ANDOVER</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>ANDOVER</u>	<u>JONAS, A</u>
			<u>FOR</u>		
112	<u>LaColla, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:14"</u>	<u>RIEHL, M</u>	
119	<u>LAWLOR, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>:35</u>	<u>Harlan, N</u>	
125	<u>DALEY, S</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>5:05</u>	<u>DeQUADROS, N</u>	
130	<u>BROWN, M</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>BRICENO, G</u>	
135	<u>ARMEEN, G</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>HERSH, J</u>	
140	<u>PERRY, M</u>	<u>2:48</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>SUNG, M</u>	
145	<u>LARSEN</u>	<u>2:16</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>ZEITLIN, A</u>	
152	<u>Ruthier, M</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>KAYE, N</u>	
160	<u>NELSON</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Napolitano, M</u>	
171	<u>Sirota, B</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>ADAMS, D</u>	
189	<u>SAMPSON</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>HOLMES, R</u>	
JIS	<u>Rae</u>	<u>:53</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>QUILTY-DUNN, L</u>	
HWT.	<u>PERRY</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>:48</u>	<u>DENHAM, J</u>	

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 Default=WDef
 Disqualification=WDisq

For Falls include time one losers line
 For TF include score on losers line
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 include first initials of all wrestlers

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DATE OF CONTEST: January 25, 1997

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 9
St. Paul's 58

103 Jonas, A. 1:20 WBF S.P.
112 Riehl, M. 2:33 WBF S.P.
119 Harlan, N. :35 WBF S.P.
125 deQuadros, N. 2:41 WBF S.P.
130 Briceño, G. 9. 18 S.P.
140 Kagan, M. 4 6: S.P.
145 Zeitlin, A. 13 7
152 Chase 3:54 WBF S.P.
160 Kaye, N. WBF 1:10
171 Kagan, E. 1:43 WBF S.P.
189 Holmes, R. WBF 3:30 S.P.
Hvy Denham, J. :37 WBF S.P.

DATE OF CONTEST: January 25, 1997

OPPONENT: Northfield/Mount Herman

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 44
NMH 24

103	Jonas, A.	5	3	
112	Riehl, M.	1:52	WBF	NMH
119	Harlan, N.	:51	WBF	NMH
125	deQuadros	1:57	WBF	NMH
130	Brieno, G	WTF	5:58	
135	Hersch, J.	WBF	4:41	
145	Zeitlin, A.	WDEF	^{4:36} 12-6	
152	Kaye, N.	7	6	
160	Chase, G	9	7	
Hvy.	Denham, J	:14	WBF	NMH

Win by forfeit

140 Kagan, M.

171 Kagan, E.

189 Holmes, R.

DATE OF CONTEST! January 25, 1997

OPPONENT! Milton

WHERE PLAYED! Andover

RESULT! Andover 32
Milton 36

103 Jonas, A. 4:56 WBF Milton

119 Harlan, N. :57 WBF Milton

125 deQuadros, N. 1:25 WBF Milton

130 Cho, E. 6^(OT) 8 Milton

135 Hersch, J. WTF 15-0

140 Sung, M. 14 10

145 Zeitlin, A. WBF 5:20

152 Kaye, N. WBF 4:41

160 Chase, G. 3:36 WBF Milton

171 Kagan, E. 1:07 WBF Milton

189 Holmes, R. WBF 5:51

Hvy Denham, J. 6 11 Milton

Win by Forfeit

112 Rühl, M.

DATE OF CONTEST! January 29, 1997

OPPONENT! Tabor

WHERE PLAYED! Tabor

RESULT! Andover 41
Tabor 21

103	Jonas, A.	WBF	3:38
112	Riehl, M.	17	4
119	Harlan, N.	5:20	WBF Tabor
125	Cho, E.	13	11
130	Briceno, G.	11	0
135	Hersch, J.	WBF	1:07
140	Kagan, M.	WBF	:40
145	Zeitlin, A.	WBF	3:17
152	Kaye, N.	9	2
160	Chase, G.	3	6 Tabor
171	Kagan, E.	9	2
189	Holmes, R.	1:23	WBF Tabor
Huy	Denham, J.	:28	WBF Tabor

Winning Team					Losing Team
103	<u>ANDOVER</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>TABOR</u>	
	<u>JONAS, A</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:38</u>	<u>PSARIS</u>	
112	<u>REEHL, M</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>COFFMAN</u>	
119	<u>HARLAN</u>	<u>5:20</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>FARRELL</u>	
125	<u>CHO, E</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>LEVESQUE</u>	
130	<u>BRICENO, G</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>LOUUREL</u>	
135	<u>HERCH, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:07</u>	<u>ROSARIO</u>	
140	<u>KAGAN, M</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:40</u>	<u>SHAPIRO</u>	
145	<u>ZEITLIN, A</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>3:17</u>	<u>KENNEY</u>	
152	<u>KAYE, N</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>McSweeney</u>	
160	<u>CHASE, G</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>GELNETT</u>	
171	<u>KAGAN, E</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>PAIGE</u>	
189	<u>HOLMES, R</u>	<u>1:23</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>LEARY</u>	
FWT.	<u>DENHAM, J</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>1:28</u>	<u>ADAMS</u>	

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Andover Pins Hoggers

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Saturday January 26, Phillips Academy hosted a four team wrestling meet, against St. Paul's, Milton, and league rival Northfield Mt. Hermon. The story of the day was league undefeated Andover, previously ranked third in class A, versus the unbeaten second ranked NMH.

NMH

Against NMH in their first match, Andover came out weak and was down early. Wins from Gonzalo Briceño '97 and Jeremy Hersch '99, put Andover back into the match. The



Wrestling put second ranked NMH to the mats

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Northfield coach, in a strategic move, bumped his 140 lb. up to 145 to wrestle Andrew Zeitlin '97. The NMH wrestler who had possible claims to the class A 140 pound throne, got a rude awakening. Zeitlin, in the words of a match passerby "ripped his head off."

Andover simply overpowered the proud and strong NMH team. Every NMH wrestler that stepped on the mat against an Andover wrestler recorded injury time. With the win, Andover

moved into the number two spot just behind undefeated Phillips Exeter Academy. Said Andover's Coach Gannon of the team's performance, "They wrestled their hearts out today. I'm really proud."

St. Paul's

Later that day in a non-league match against an amazing St. Paul's team, PA took a beating. The St. Paul's team, which skipped the New England Tournament last season to wrestle in the Prep Nationals, is likely the best team in New England. The St. Paul's coach, speaking of Andover's performance said, "They were the toughest team we've wrestled. They just kept on coming after us."

Milton

In the final match of the day, against Milton, the Blue put in many of their second string wrestlers. The match was close with Milton, as PA won by only four points. Despite the two losses, which had no real ranking significance, PA had a strong day.

Tabor

Wednesday, January 29, the Andover wrestlers went up against a strong Tabor team. The Blue got help early from their top notch lower weight wrestlers. At 103 Adam Jonas '00, 112 Matt Riehl '99, and 125 Eddie Cho '98, all received wins to give Andover an early lead. The middle weights wrestled equally well, and winning were: in the 130 division Gonzalo Briceño '97, 135 Jeremy Hersch '99, 140 Moses Kagan '98, 145 Captain Andy Zeitlin '97, and 152 Noah Kaye '99. In the upper weights, 171 Eli Kagan '99, won. The match ended with a score of 42-21.

The Blue, still undefeated in the class A's, has taken a seat at the table of contenders. Ranked second behind Exeter, Andover is wrestling the best they have all season. Next the team goes up against North Hampton and Tilton.

ANDOVER WINS VS. NMH

Weight Class	Wrestler	Weight Class	Wrestler
103	A. Jonas	152	N. Kaye
130	O. Briceño	160	O. Chao
135	J. Hersch	171	E. Kagan
140	M. Kagan	189	R. Williams
145	A. Zeitlin		

DATE OF CONTEST! Feb. 5, 1997

OPPONENT! New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED! Andover, MA

RESULT! Andover 46

New Hampton 18

112 Ruhl, M	WBF	:23	
119 Harlan, N.	10 (OT)	8	
125 Cho, E.	13	5	
130 Briceño, G.	0	6	N.H.
140 Kagan, M.	WBF	1:08	
152 Kaye, N.	8	5	
160 Chase, G.	1	9	N.H.
171 Kagan, E.	WBF	1:10	
189 Holmes, R.	18-2	WTF	N.H.
Huy. Denham, J.	1.45	WBF	N.H.

Win by forfeit

103 Jonas, A

135 Hersch, J.

145 Larman, B.

Blue Takes Two

by Eli Kagan
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Andover	78
Tilton	0
Andover	46
New Hampton	18



At home on Wednesday, Andover Varsity Wrestling maintained their standing as undefeated in the Class A's. The team went into its matches against Tilton and North Hampton without Captain Andy Zeitlin '97, but still managed to win two decisive matches, bringing its league record to a perfect 10-0. Andover is looking forward to its last match next Wednesday, against also the undefeated contender, Exeter.

Against Tilton, Andover wrestled well, shutting the small team out with a perfect score of 78-0. In their second match of the day, Andover beat a small, yet tough New Hampton team. The match began with PA lightweight

Adam Jonas '00, receiving a forfeit. Next, in the 112 pound contest, Matt Riehl '99 set the tempo for the match. While tied up with his opponent, Riehl stepped forward and brought the New Hampton wrestler to his back, recording a fast pin for The Blue. Regulation time ended, with the score tied at 8.

Harlen earned a takedown, shifting the match in his favor. Andover went on to lose by major decision in the 130 pound class, and received a forfeit at 135 pounds.

In the 140 pound bout, Mo Kagan, pinned his opponent early in the first period, bringing the meet score to 31-3. Andover received a forfeit at 145 pounds. Kaye won a come-from-behind victory at 152 pounds, bringing the team score to a victory clinching 40-3.



Andover pushes up for position

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New Hampton closed out the match with two victories, at 189 and heavy-weight. The final score in Andover's favor was, 46-18.

The Blue will face off against school rival Exeter on Wednesday, February 12. With both teams coming into the contest undefeated, there is no doubt that a hard fought match, between the numbers 1 and 2 ranked teams in the league will ensue.

DATE OF CONTEST: Feb. 12, 1997

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover 33
Exeter 34

112	Riehl, M.	2:20	WBF	Exeter
119	Harlan, N.	WBF	3:10	
125	Cho, E.	8	3	
130	Brieno, G.	WBF	2:21	
135	Hersch, J.	WBF	1:16	
140	Kagan, M.	6	8	Exeter
145	Zeitlin, A.	0	8	Exeter
152	Chase, G.	WBF	2:53	
160	Kaye, N.	4	11	Exeter
171	Obst, L.	3:22	WBF	Exeter
189	Holmes, R.	:42	WBF	Exeter
	Huy Denham, J.	:51	WBF	Exeter

Win by forfeit

103 Jonas, A.

Wrestlers Have Best Season in Recent Memory

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover Wrestling's 1996-97 season was an excellent one. Coming off of a mediocre 1995-96 season, the program looked to a young and inexperienced group of wrestlers to turn things around. Led by captain Andrew Zeitlin '97, they not only turned the program around, but brought Andover into the top three in Class A wrestling. The Big Blue went 11-1 in the league this year, with there only loss against Exeter. Overall the team was 12-5, losing three meets by fewer than four points. Also, the squad placed fourth in the prestigious Class A tournament, one of the best finishes in recent memory.

The season began well for Andover, as they defeated Governor Dummer Academy in their first match of the year. After the long winter break, the team headed to Deerfield to compete in a four team "quad meet". For the first time in many years Andover defeated Deerfield, who this year boasted an especially strong group of grapplers. The win gave Andover some idea of how the season might progress. With only a few team seniors, Andover went through the season surprising their opponents with new talent and unexpected perseverance. Also, the coaching staff did a superb job molding the young group of wrestlers into hard working, technically sound wrestlers. Coach Sung, who was a new addition to the Andover coaching staff, volunteered his time to help the team through the season.

The team included only four seniors: Andrew Zeitlin (145 lbs.), Nishant DeQuadros (125 lbs.), Niko Harlan (119 lbs.), and Rob Holmes (189). Senior Larry Obst was injured for most of the season, but wrestled against Exeter and in the Class A tournament, at 171 pounds. Luckily, the Blue also received an influx of new talent. At 103 pounds Adam Jonas '00, a first year wrestler, had a great season for Andover and surprised the league by taking third at Class A's. Another bright spot for the Blue was the wrestling of new Lower Jeremy Hersch. At 135 pounds, Hersch turned out to be an integral part of the Blue's line-up this season, as he placed second in the class A's. Other new wrestlers in the Varsity line-up were: Matt Riehl '99, Eli Kagan '99, Max Sung '99, and James Denham '98.

Also playing a big part in the team was Noah Kaye '99. Kaye (152 lbs.), a second year Andover wrestler, who lived up to everybody's expectations and placed third at Class A's. Eddie Cho '98 (125 lbs), a varsity wrestler his junior and lower year, wrestled varsity at the end of the season for the Blue. Besides Captain Andy Zeitlin, the exceptional wrestling and leadership of Greg Chase '98 and Moses Kagan '98, helped to supplement the team's season. The two uppers both posted exceptional records, and worked harder than nearly any other wrestler to help make the team better.

The highlights of the season came in two of the teams best matches. First against the NMH Hoggers, the Andover wrestlers reached down inside and found the extra fire they needed to beat the team that would eventually take first in the league. Andover went down early, losing the first few lightweight matches. Unfortunately for the Hoggers, the rock solid Andover middle weights were in form. Like clockwork, the Andover wrestlers dismantled NMH's best wrestlers. Possibly the best match of the season came from captain Andrew Zeitlin at 145 pounds, as he faced the NMH wrestler who later won New Englands. Not only did Zeitlin beat the NMH wrestler, but he turned the team match around, giving Andover the lead.

In the final match of the season, Andover came within one point of beating the Exeter team which the squad hasn't touched in over a decade. The meet came down to the final matches of the day, as Andover needed not to be pinned in any one of its last three weight classes. The heavyweights fell short, and the Exeter team which seemed finally vulnerable, once again, slipped from the grasp of the disappointed Blue. The final score of the match was 34-33. Next year however the Blue have plans for Exeter, as Andover is returning nine of their thirteen varsity wrestlers. This bodes well for Andover Wrestling, which already has hopes for next year's league title.

Next year's team will be led by Moses Kagan '98 and Gregory Chase '98, who were voted Co-Captains at the end of the season. Both wrestlers are extremely accomplished. Kagan, who will be a three year senior, took fifth in Class A's this season, and remarked, "The wrestling team came pretty close to fulfilling its potential this year, and it looks like we have really good kids, all of whom work hard and have a strong winning attitude. With the coaching that we have, it looks like we have a good chance to win Class A's next year, and be in contention for the New England Championship." Chase, who will be a four year senior, has lettered since his junior season at Andover. He said of next year's season, "We had a great season this year and have the potential for an even better one next year."

The team would like to thank the captain, all the coaches and the managers for their hard work, and devotion to the Andover Wrestling team. It was a wonderful year, in which Andover established itself as a force in the wrestling community.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Baseball (B V)	BRIDGTON (Scrimmage)	(H)	1 30
Golf (V)	Tabor	(A)	2 00
Lacrosse (B V)	BRIDGTON (Scrimmage)	(H)	2 00
Lacrosse (G V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2 00
Softball (G V)	Reading High School	(A)	10 00

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Cycling Team	Bishop Hendricken	(A)	12 00
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Baseball (B V)	No Andover (Scrimmage)	(A)	3 00
Baseball (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3 00
Baseball (B JV2)	B & N	(A)	3 15
Golf (V)	EXETER/GDA (Essex CC)	(H)	1 30
Lacrosse (B V)	N M H	(A)	4 00
Lacrosse (G V)	St Mark's (Scrimmage)	(A)	3 15
Softball (G JV)	NI WMAN PREP	(H)	3 30
Softball (G V)	LOWELL HIGH	(H)	3 15
Tennis (B V)	Tufts	(A)	2 15
Tennis (B VB)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	3 45
Tennis (G V)	Holderness (Scrimmage)	(A)	3 15
Tennis (G VB)	Winsor	(A)	3 00
Tennis (G JV)	WINSOR	(H)	3 30

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Golf (V)	Belmont Hill	(A)	3 45
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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Lacrosse (B V)	HARVARD	(H)	3 30
Lacrosse (G V)	K U A	(H)	4 00
Softball (G V)	NOBLE HS	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B V)	M I T	(H)	4 00

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Baseball (B V)	Wilbraham & Monson	(A)	11 00
Crew (B V)	KENT	(H)	2 30
Crew (G V)	KENT	(H)	2 30
Track & Field (B V)	DEERFIELD/TAFT	(H)	2 00
Track & Field (G V)	DEERFIELD/TAFT/BRIDGTON	(H)	2 00

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Cycling Team	Bishop Hendricken	(A)	10 00
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Baseball (B V)	Cushing	(H)	2 30
Baseball (B JV1)	GR LAW TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	3 15
Baseball (B JV2)	GR LAW FRESHMAN	(A)	3 15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3 15
Lacrosse (G V)	N M H	(A)	3 30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	N M H	(A)	4 45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DANA HALL	(H)	3 30

Softball (G JV)	Dana Hall	(A)	3 30
Softball (G V)	HARVARD	(H)	3 45
Tennis (B VB)	Tabor	(A)	3 00
Tennis (B JV)	Tabor	(A)	3 00
Tennis (G V)	St Paul's	(A)	3 00

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Golf (V)	Middlesex	(A)	3 30
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Lacrosse (B JV1)	Belmont Hill	(A)	4 30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	MASCONOMET	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B JV)	Andover High School	(A)	3 45
Track & Field (B V)	READING (Scrimmage)	(H)	3 45
Track & Field (G V)	READING (Scrimmage)	(H)	3 45

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball (B V)	Worcester (DH)	(H)	1 00
Baseball (B JV1)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	1 00
Baseball (B JV2)	Bishop Fenwick High	(A)	1 00
Crew (B V)	St John's/Simsb/Exeter	(A)	3 00
Crew (G V)	Simsbury/Exeter	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (B V)	Lincoln Sudbury	(A)	7 00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Proctor	(A)	2 00
Lacrosse (G V)	HARVARD	(H)	2 00
Softball (G JV)	Proctor	(A)	2 30
Softball (G V)	Bancroft/N M H	(A)	2 00
Tennis (B V)	N M H	(H)	1 00
Tennis (B VB)	N M H	(H)	1 00
Tennis (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2 30
Tennis (G VB)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2 30
Tennis (G JV)	Groton	(A)	1 30

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Lacrosse (G V)	Brooks	(H)	4 00
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Baseball (B V)	HARVARD	(H)	3 30
Baseball (B JV1)	North Reading	(A)	3 00
Baseball (B JV2)	CUSHING	(H)	3 30
Golf (V)	Milton	(A)	2 30
Lacrosse (B V)	Holderness	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Holderness	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DERRYFIELD SCHOOL	(H)	4 00
Softball (G JV)	PRES OF MARY ACADEMY	(H)	3 15
Softball (G V)	PRES OF MARY ACADEMY	(H)	3 15
Tennis (B V)	MILTON	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B VB)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B JV)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3 30
Tennis (G VB)	St George's	(A)	3 30
Tennis (G JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	2 00

Track & Field (B V)	TEWKSBURY	(H)	1 30
Track & Field (G V)	TEWKSBURY	(H)	1 30

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Tennis (B V)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	3 30
Tennis (G V)	MILTON	(H)	4 30

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Baseball (B V)	N.M.H. (DH)	(H)	1 00
Baseball (B JV2)	MILTON	(H)	2 00
Golf (V)	Holderness	(A)	2 30
Lacrosse (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	7 00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3 00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	PROCTOR	(H)	2 00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	3 30
Softball (G V)	CUSHING/TABOR/NAZARETH	(H)	1 00
Tennis (B V)	Deerfield	(A)	3 30
Tennis (B VB)	Deerfield	(A)	3 30
Tennis (G V)	Exeter	(A)	1 30
Tennis (G VB)	Exeter	(A)	1 30
Tennis (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	1 30
Track & Field (B V)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (B JV)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (G V)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (G JV)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2 00

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Cycling Team	Gould	(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Baseball (B V)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	(H)	3 15
Baseball (B JV2)	St. Paul's	(A)	2 45
Cycling Team	Holderness	(A)	3 00
Golf (V)	St. Mark's	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Masconomet	(A)	3 30
Lacrosse (G V)	B & N	(H)	3 15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	B & N	(H)	4 15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Pike School	(A)	3 00
Softball (G JV)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Softball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Tennis (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Tennis (B VB)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Tennis (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Tennis (G JV)	St Paul's	(A)	3 00

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pike School	(A)	3 45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Shore Country Day	(A)	4 00
Tennis (B V)	St. John's	(A)	4 00
Tennis (B VB)	St. John's	(A)	4 00
Tennis (B JV)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3 30

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Baseball (B V)	EXETER	(H)	1 30
Baseball (B JV1)	LOWELL VOCATIONAL HIGH	(H)	2 00
Crew (B V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3 00
Crew (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3 00
Golf (V)	Deerfield	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3 30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3 30
Lacrosse (G V)	Tabor	(A)	3 00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Tabor	(A)	4 30
Softball (G JV)	NO. ANDOVER	(H)	2 00
Softball (G V)	NO. ANDOVER	(H)	2 00
Tennis (B VB)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	2 00
Tennis (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3 15
Tennis (G VB)	N.M.H.	(A)	3 15
Track & Field (B V)	Andover High School	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (B JV)	Andover High School	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (G V)	Andover High School	(A)	2 00
Track & Field (G JV)	Andover High School	(A)	2 00

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Cycling Team	N.M.H.	(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Baseball (B V)	Cushing	(A)	3 00
Baseball (B JV1)	Milton	(A)	3 30
Baseball (B JV2)	PINGREE	(H)	3 30
Golf (V)	Thayer	(A)	3 30
Lacrosse (B V)	MILTON	(H)	3 30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	4 00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	4 00
Lacrosse (G V)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	3 15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	4 15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Brookwood School	(A)	3 30
Softball (G JV)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	3 30
Softball (G V)	OUR LADY OF NAZARETH	(H)	3 00
Tennis (B V)	MOSES BROWN	(H)	4 00
Tennis (B VB)	MILTON	(H)	3 15
Tennis (B JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3 00
Tennis (G V)	Milton	(A)	3 00
Tennis (G VB)	Middlesex	(A)	2 15
Tennis (G JV)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2 15
Track & Field (B V)	CUSHING/CENTRAL	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (B JV)	K U A	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (G V)	CUSHING/CENTRAL	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (G JV)	K U A	(H)	3 30

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Baseball (B V)	Deerfield (DH)	(A)	1 30
Baseball (B JV1)	Deerfield (DH)	(A)	1 30

Baseball (B JV2)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	2 00
Crew (B V)	EXETER-TABOR	(H)	2 00
Crew (G V)	EXETER-TABOR	(H)	2 00
Lacrosse (B V)	Concord-Carlisle High	(A)	2 30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Concord-Carlisle High	(A)	2 30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	LDDMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Lacrosse (G V)	THAYER	(H)	7 00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	LDDMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	LDDMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Softball (G JV)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	1 00
Softball (G V)	Deerfield/Stoneleigh	(A)	1 30
Tennis (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B VB)	CHOATE	(H)	3 30
Tennis (B JV)	Concord Academy	(A)	1 30
Tennis (G V)	LDDMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Tennis (G VB)	CDNCRD ACADEMY	(H)	12 30
Track & Field (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (B JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30
Track & Field (G JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3 30

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Cycling Team	HDME RACE	(H)	1 00
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Baseball (B V)	TABOR	(H)	3 00
Baseball (B JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2 30
Baseball (B JV2)	St John's	(A)	3 30
Cycling Team	Proctor	(A)	3 00
Golf (V)	RIVERS	(H)	3 00
Lacrosse (B V)	St Paul's	(A)	3 15
Lacrosse (B JV1)	St Paul's	(A)	3 15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	CUSHING	(H)	3 15
Lacrosse (G V)	Winsor	(A)	3 15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Winsor	(A)	4 30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Dana Hall	(A)	3 30
Softball (G JV)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	3 30
Softball (G V)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	3 30
Tennis (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3 00
Tennis (G VB)	Noble & Greenough	(H)	3 00
Tennis (G JV)	Brooks	(A)	3 00

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Baseball (B JV2)	BRIDGES	(H)	4 00
Track & Field (B JV)	Andover High School	(A)	3 30
Track & Field (G JV)	Andover High School	(A)	3 30

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Baseball (B V)	Tournament	(A)	TBA
Crew (B V)	N M H	(A)	1 30

Crew (G V)	N M.H	(A)	1:30
Golf (V)	Exeter/GDA	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B V)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G J)	Tournament	(A)	TBA
Softball (G JV)	NDRTH READING	(H)	11:00
Softball (G V)	Tournament1	(A)	TBA
Tennis (B V)	Tournament	(A)	TBA
Tennis (B VB)	Cushing	(A)	1:00
Tennis (B JV)	Cushing	(A)	1:00
Tennis (G V)	THAYER	(H)	12:30
Tennis (G VB)	Governor Dummer	(A)	10:00
Tennis (G JV)	Governor Dummer	(A)	10:00
Track & Field (B V)	Interschols	(A)	TBA
Track & Field (G V)	Interschols	(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Softball (G V)	Tournament	(A)	TBA
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Baseball (B JV1)	NORTH READING HS	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	GR LAWRENCE	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	4:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	PINKERTON ACADEMY	(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PINKERTON ACADEMY	(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (G V)	GROTON	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	GROTON	(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Softball (G JV)	NDRTH READING HS	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	NORTH READING HS	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G VB)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G JV)	EXETER	(H)	2:30

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Softball (G V)	ST PAUL'S	(H)	4:00
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SATURDAY, MAY 24

Baseball (B V)	Exeter @ Cooperstown	(A)	10:00
Baseball (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Crew (B V)	Interscholastics	(A)	TBA
Crew (G V)	Interscholastics	(A)	TBA
Golf (V)	GDA/Exeter	(A)	1:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Alumni	(A)	11:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Exeter	(A)	1:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Softball (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Softball (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Tennis (G V)	NESPAC	(A)	9:30

Track & Field (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00

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HOME ADDRESS: Cole Avenue
Williamstown, MA

MANAGER: Lia Welsch '98

HOME ADDRESS: Meadow Brook Lane
Reading, MA

COACH: Andrew Cline

ASSISTANT COACHES: Hale Sturges, Thomas McGraw

SEASON RECORD

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Baseball -V
Bayliss, Jarrett C. (C)
Crowley, Richard S.
Dent, Dean A., II
Farson, Brett D.
Heighington, Brian A.
Hogan, Richard T.
Johanson, Steven W.
Manning, Kevin M.
Meserole, Christopher O.
Palmer, Matthew L.
Pugatch, Todd M.
Ryan, Thomas G.
Tripp, Owen W.
Turner, Michael P., Jr.
Weiner, David E.
Welsch, Lia J. (M)
Wooten, Jason M.

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME AND HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Jarret Bayliss © Williston, MA	6'1"	195	'97	P, 3B
Richard Crawley Lincoln, RI	6'1"	180	'97	C, OF
Tony Dent Denville, NJ	5'11"	185	'98	OF
Brian Heighington Dracut, MA	6'2"	160	'98	SS, P
Richard Hogen Belmont, MA	5'11"	165	'97	P, OF
Brett Fawson Greenwich, CT	5'7"	150	'99	P, C, OF
Steve Johnson North Andover, MA	6'0"	195	'97	OF
Kevin Manning Nahant, MA	5'11"	175	'97	INF
Chris Meserole, Nashua, NH	6'1"	170	'98	P, 2B
Matt Palmer North Andover, MA	6'1"	165	'99	P, INF
Toad Pugatch Rivers, MA	5'4"	140	'97	OF
Tommy Ryan Lowell, MA	6'0"	195	'97	1B
Owen Tripp Acton, MA	6'2"	205	'97	P, 1B
Mike Turner Melrose, MA	5'11"	160	'00	3B, P
Dave Weiner Andover, MA	6'0"	170	'97	C, 3B

SQUAD STATISTICSNAME AND HOME
ADDRESS

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CLASS

POSITION

Jason Wooten
Pasadena, CA

5'11"

175

'97

C, 3B

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday April 9, 1997

OPPONENT: North Andover High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: W, 4 Andover

O No. Andover

North Andover

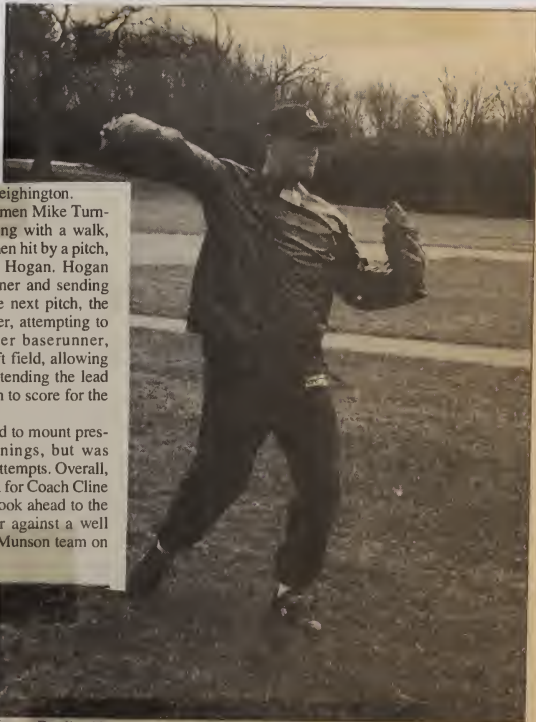
lover easily defeated North
r this past Wednesday. Tripp,
and Heighington combined for
hit shutout of the Scarlet
Picking up the victory, Tripp
the game with three strong
of one hit ball while fanning

th Andover native Matt Palmer
me on for the fifth and sixth
and, despite some control
is (three walks), overpowered
netown team. Heighington
ut the shutout with two innings
it ball. The offense came in the
en after a Heighington double,
gatch '97 drilled a 2-2 pitch to

right center scoring Heighington.

In the fourth freshmen Mike Turner started off the inning with a walk, Steve Dietz '98 was then hit by a pitch, setting the table for Hogan. Hogan doubled, scoring Turner and sending Dietz to third. On the next pitch, the North Andover catcher, attempting to pick off the Andover baserunner, threw the ball into left field, allowing Dietz to score and extending the lead to 3-0. Hogan went on to score for the fourth and final run.

Andover continued to mount pressure in the latter innings, but was unable to score in all attempts. Overall, it was a pleasing debut for Coach Cline and the squad. They look ahead to the regular season opener against a well prepared Wilberham-Munson team on Saturday.



Jarret Bayliss '97, shown here in pre-game warmups, is expected to lead Blue baseball with his pitching and hitting.

Photo/M. Prah

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday April 11, 1997

OPPONENT: Wilbraham and Monson

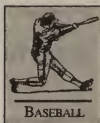
WHERE PLAYED: Wilbraham

RESULT: L, 7 Wilbraham

1 Andover

by Nick MacInnis and Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Wilberham-Munson	7
Andover	1
Andover	5
Cushing	3



Though a mere skeleton of last year's championship team, the Andover boys' baseball team opened the new season with fine pitching performances from their top two starters and solid hitting. Despite the outstanding efforts of senior pitchers Jarret Bayliss '97 and Owen Tripp '97, at week's end the team's record stood at 1-1.

Wilberham-Munson

Lack of experience was evident in Andover's opening day disappointment against Wilberham-Munson. Captain Bayliss pitched seven strong innings of 6-hit ball with no walks, striking out 8, while allowing just 2 earned runs. However, the Blue allowed five runs off of defensive miscues. The game started off slowly for Andover; they gave up four runs in the bottom of the second inning. The Wilberham-Munson players then capitalized on poor Andover fielding with timely hitting to score all four of their runs on only three hits. Andover rebounded in the top of the fourth when Tony Dent '98 knocked in his first run of the year with an RBI single, scoring Bayliss. Andover stayed within striking distance, but in the home half of the sixth they allowed three more runners to score as a result of two

errors. In a game that Andover could have easily won, the Blue let their nerves get the best of them.

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday April 16, 1997

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: W, 5 Andover
3 Cushing

Baseball Emerges From Opening Week at 1-1

Cushing

In a rematch of last years New England semifinals Andover again came out victorious over Cushing. Owen Tripp dominated his foes from Cushing and went the distance allowing one infield single, walking three, and giving up no earned runs. An infield single with one out in the seventh broke up Tripp's bid for a no-hitter. Andover scored their first run when Jason Wooten '97 singled and

later scored on a Tony Dent single. Dent appears to have picked up right where he left off last year, igniting the Big Blue offense with his potent bat. Andover struck next in the third when Wooten again led off with a single. Tom Ryan '97 then sacrificed Wooten to second and reached safely on a throwing error. Wooten later found himself in a rundown, but managed to reach third. Bayliss then ripped a ball down to third and Wooten was thrown at out home. After a walk to Dent, Steve Johanson '97 came up with the bases loaded and one out. Johanson smashed a double to left center clear-

ing the bases and giving Andover a commanding 4-0 lead. Chris Meserole '98 later singled in Johanson for Andover's fifth and final run.

Trailing by five runs, Cushing scored three times, in a bizarre fourth inning, cutting the deficit to two. Resilient, Andover played stingy defense for the rest of the game to preserve the win for Tripp.

The game was a big victory for Andover, who desperately needed a win to avoid an 0-2 start to the season. If the Blue continues to play defense and put runs on the board, its strong pitching will win games.

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday April 19, 1997 (DH)

OPPONENT: Worcester Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: Rained Out

1 Game Made up on Monday May 12, 1997

At Worcester

L, 12 Worcester
11 Andover

1 Game Made up on 4/25

W, 8 Andover
4 Worcester

Worcester

Coach Cline scheduled a surprise make-up game at Worcester late Sunday night knowing well that he might not have the services of every player. Despite the absence of six players, Andover still made the trip.

Captain Bayliss was on the hill for

Andover, and he was once again the victim of poor defense. 7-0 was the score after only two innings of play and Andover appeared en route to a rout. Bayliss helped his own cause early by smashing a three-run homer to the deepest part of the park in right-center.

The game quickly turned sour for the Blue as they relinquished their huge lead with nine consecutive unearned runs. With the score 9-7, Worcester leading, in the fourth, Bayliss again hit for extra bases when he tripled in two runs and scored himself on a throwing error. The see-saw battle continued and the tide turned towards Worcester as they scored two more unearned runs.

In the top of the seventh Chris Meserole hit a triple scoring the tying run and putting the go ahead run on third. An attempted suicide squeeze

failed and Meserole was thrown out at the plate. Matt Palmer '99, who came on in relief of Bayliss in the seventh, gave up the winning run when Tom Ryan misplayed a ball at first base. Over the course of the game, twelve unearned runs were the results of Andover's defensive mishaps. For all Andover players, with the exception of Bayliss, this game seems to be one most desirable to be put out of mind.

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday April 23, 1997

OPPONENT: Harvard

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: L, 13 Harvard
4 Andover

Baseball Falls To Harvard JV

13-4 debacle raises doubts about team's defensive ability, offensive punch, and pitching staff.

by Nick MacInnis and Noah Kaye
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Harvard	13
Andover	4

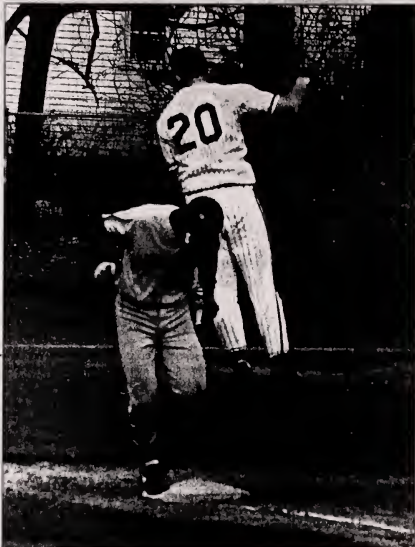


In a prelude to an important three game stretch in their schedule, the Andover boys' baseball team put forth a lackluster effort, and was

downed 13-4 by the

Harvard JV squad. Conserving the team's top starters, Andover used the youthful trio of Matt Palmer '99, Brian Heighington '98, and Brett Farson '99. It was Palmer's regular season debut as a starter, and despite some early control problems, he completed the first two innings relatively unscathed, striking out two in the top of the second. Palmer, however, was touched up for one unearned run when catcher Jason Wooten's '97 attempt at nailing a basestealer sailed over third basemen Jarret Bayliss' '97 head and into left field. Employing their trademark brand of baseball, "Mac Ball," Harvard was very daring on the basepaths, manufacturing their first run by attempting several steals and a double steal. The theory behind "Mac Ball," (developed by legendary Harvard JV coach Max Singleton) is that if a team simply runs and runs, as unwise as it may seem, testing the arms of young baseball players who do not have capable arm strength, they will eventually profit from throwing errors like Wooten's first inning blunder.

Andover struck back in the home half of the first inning, scoring two runs on a single hit. Rich Hogan '97 led off with a walk and was bunted over to second by Wooten. After a



Tommy Ryan '97 leaps for an errant throw ball while avoiding the a Harvard baserunner.

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Tom Ryan '97 walk, Bayliss promptly hit a sharp single to right scoring Hogan and moving Ryan to third. With runners at the corners, one of the teams biggest run producers Tony Dent '98 struck out after an opposite field rip that just landed foul. Then, much to Andover's delight, the Harvard right-fielder dropped Farson's fast sinking fly ball, allowing Ryan to score. This was to be Andover's one and only lead of the game; because, as in their three previous games, the Big Blue's team defense faltered, giving up four runs in the third before Palmer was yanked in favor of Heighington. "Our errors

were non-sibi, everyone was a part of our mistakes," explained Coach Tom McGraw. Harvard went on to tally eight more runs off of Heighington and Farson. On a positive note: in the last inning, Todd Pugatch '97 got a great jump on hard hit ball and ran down a 385' drive, preventing even further damage.

This weekend holds three league match-ups for the Blue, starting on Friday with Worcester and ending on Saturday with a double header against NMH. Andover's senior laden pitching staff will come into the weekend well-rested in hopes of redeeming itself after the tough Harvard loss.

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday April 26, 1997 (DH)

OPPONENT: Northfield Mount Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: L, 9 N.M.H

7 Andover

Game 2

7 N.M.H

4 Andover

Boys in Blue Drop Three of Four

Early Season Pitching Failures Worry Fans, Players Alike

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The Andover baseball team had an intense week, competing in four grueling games in the span of only six games. The Blue

pulled off a victory against Worcester, but the team's record on the week fell to 1-3 as a result of a costly double-header with NMH and a difficult loss to Wilbraham & Monson.

The 3-game weekend opened Friday afternoon when the Blue faced off against league foe Worcester. Tony Dent '98 propelled Andover to an early lead by leading off the home half of the second inning with a three-bagger to deep right-center field and later scoring on a throwing error. Chris Meserole '98, who reached base on that errant throw, was singled in by Dave Weiner '97. The catalyst for production in the third inning was once again Dent, who singled, advanced to third on Meserole's base hit, and scored on a perfectly executed double-steal. Worcester meanwhile, failed to muster a single hit off of Andover's premier lefty, Owen Tripp '97, until the 5th inning. After surrend-

ing his first hit of the game, a single, Tripp walked three consecutive batters, forcing one run in and loading the bases. With two outs and the bases still juiced, the southpaw cast a wild pitch that rolled all the way to the backstop allowing two more runs to cross the plate and tie the score at 3-3. Tripp would then be pulled in favor of Meserole, who would surrender one more run and leave the Blue down 4-3 heading into the sixth. In the sixth, though, Andover started a rally of their own putting two runners on base. Andover lead for good after a throwing errors gave Andover three runs. The final was 7-3.

An undefeated NMH team opposed the Blue in a double-header. Unfortunately, NMH roughed up Rich Hogan '97 early. NMH led 6-1 by the time Coach Cline opted to pinch hit Brett Farson '97 in the bottom of the fifth. Farson initiated a furious rally which saw six runs cross the plate as Andover batted around. However, late game breakdowns gave NMH the victory in extras.

In the second game of the twin-bill Andover sent their ace Jarret Bayliss '97 to the mound. Victimized by bad defense, Bayliss dropped his second decision of the year. NMH scored

early, hitting the ball soundly, but by the 4th inning the game was notched at 4-4. In the fifth though, the visitors pulled away by exploding for three runs. Bayliss, playing the role of work horse for Andover, completed his second straight game.

In a rematch of their opener, Andover came out against W&M looking to avenge their loss. Tripp once again did not give up a hit until the fifth. With the score 2-1 Andover in that inning, Tripp gave up a walk and a double, but no runs ensued. Solid hitting and base running produced two more runs for the Blue in the fifth, giving them a 4-1 lead in the sixth. Four walks and several hits given up by Tripp narrowed W&M's deficit to 4-3. Though he'd pitched through a painful leg cramp extremely well, Tripp was pulled in favor of Matt Palmer '99. The hard throwing lower's first pitch was uncatchable even for the skilled Weiner; the tying run came in. Palmer went on to walk the next three batters, putting the game out of reach for the Blue. W&M's bulldog of a closer clinched the 6-4 victory and a season sweep of the Blue for W&M. It was a disappointing week, troubling for Andover baseball fans.

Tony Dent '98

"Tony has been a hard worker all season, and he has developed into one of our most solid players in the field and at the plate."

—Coach Andy Cline

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By leading every offensive statistical category, Tony Dent '98 has proved an asset, as well as a vital component to the varsity baseball team. Although the two-time defending New England champions have struggled in the early season, their most recent win sparked a new outlook on their tournament hopes. Tony has been a constant on a team that has often been extremely erratic. By going 1 for 2 during Wednesday's 2-0 victory over Cushing Academy, Dent has raised his average to an outstanding .461, leading the Andover club. The win could not have greater importance, and Dent's performance has earned him the Athlete of the Week honor.

Dent was born in Detroit, Michigan, but moved around until kindergarten when he and his family settled in Denville, New Jersey. His parents decided to send him to school in nearby Morristown, where he attended the Peck School. From an early age, Tony's parents encouraged him to actively participate both academically and athletically.

At the young age of six, Tony received his first taste of the sport he would come to love in the form of T-ball. Before long, he started taking cuts in a "coach pitch" league, and from there he joined Little League at age 10. After two seasons of Little League, Dent progressed to the Senior League where he continued his streak of consecutive all-star appearances. In his first year, Tony moved to the outfield playing both left and right. After one more season at this level, Dent made the decision to attend Andover.

Tony was planning to attend Del-

barton Academy, an all boys school in Morristown, until a close friend's older sibling, Fishwick McLean '96, advised him to look at boarding schools, specifically PA. After that conversation, Dent began to look into the prospect of attending a prep school. Although at first Tony's parents questioned his departure; however, as soon as they realized his strong desire to go North, they supported and encouraged his move.

Although the academic and athletic transitions went smoothly, Dent's

his youth and inexperience. "The biggest difference between this year and last was confidence. Last year I didn't have it, this year I do," quipped Dent. After splitting time in left again for six games, Tony won the position and started the remainder of the season. His batting blossomed late in the year, and Tony really stepped it up for the tournament. For the second straight year, the PA baseball team captured the championship. One of Dent's fondest memories from the days of this "nasty squad" came from coach Al

Cauz. "The day before the tournament, coach Cauz called us into the dug-out half-way through practice. He gave the most inspirational speech I have ever heard. He talked about rites of passage and playing like men, we were all fired up," remembers Dent.

The biggest difference between last year's team and this year's team is attitude. The championship team had a swagger to it, where as the current squad lacks confidence. This contrast is due to the inexperience of the new team.

"The talent we had last year is still here, but a lot of the guys are young," remarked Dent. The team has had trouble putting together seven solid innings, but momentary glimpses of dominance indicate the potential of this squad. This Saturday's double-header against Deerfield will make or break the season. The squad is not out of post-season contention yet, but need to return to the winning track. Even if the tournament is out of reach, the team has a big game versus Exeter at Cooperstown to look forward to.

As far as the future is concerned, Tony wants to take his skills to the next level. While playing baseball is a must, Dent hasn't decided whether he wants to continue to play football. This summer will be key to his development, as he attends both the Princeton and Stanford prospect camps. Tony hopes to keep up his offensive batfarge, and help the team get to the tourney. However, his expectations for next year will be high as the majority of this young team will return to play again.



new found freedom caused a little trouble. "It took awhile for me to settle in, I wasn't ready to work right when I left home," remembered Dent. Tony's move into Tucker House, under the guidance of Leon Modeste, was important in his attempt to regain his focus. Another steady force in his life was roommate Kyle O'Brien '98. Kyle knew Dent was a good guy, and assisted his move to Tucker.

In the spring term of his junior year, Dent tried out for the varsity baseball squad. "Before I got here, I thought I could make it. But when I got out there on the first day of practices, I knew I was in over my head. Sure enough I got the ax the next day," recalls Tony. So Dent played the season on the JV team, mostly splitting time with a teammate in left field.

When lower year arrived, Tony was ready to make the jump to varsity. Easily the youngest player on the team, Dent's skills improved enough to make him an addition to the defending New England champions. At first he struggled a hit, primarily because of

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday April 20, 1997

OPPONENT: Wilbraham and Manson

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: L, 6 Wilbraham

4 Andover

1

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday May 3, 1997 (DH)

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips, Andover

RESULT: L, 8 Exeter

5 Andover

(second game rained out)

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Athlete Of The Week

Tony Dent '98

"Tony has been a hard worker all season, and he has developed into one of our most solid players in the field and at the plate."

—Coach Andy Cline

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday May 7, 1997

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Cushing

RESULT: W, 2 Andover

O Cushing
Jarrett Bayliss no-hitter

Bayliss No-Hits Cushing

Captain Revives Andover After Loss to Exeter

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Exeter	8
Andover	5
Andover	2
Cushing	0



The Andover baseball team had an up and down week. The Blue suffered a heartbreaking loss to Exeter on Saturday. Jarrett Batliss '97, however, salvaged the week with a sensational no-hitter in a 2-0 defensive battle against Cushing.

Cushing

After dropping his first two decisions senior pitcher Jarrett Bayliss' intensity finally paid dividends Wednesday. Bayliss had thrown tremendously in his two previous outings, giving up seven earned runs, striking out twelve, while walking none. This was just the first time his strong pitching was backed up by strong defense. However, this was far more than simply strong pitching—in seven innings, his third complete game of the year, Jarrett Bayliss gave up no hits through seven innings, throwing the first no-hitter of his career.

As well as throwing a no-hitter Bayliss supported his own cause by driving the both Andover runs with a triple in the fourth. Tony Dent '98 led off the inning with a walk and Tom Ryan '97 followed, singling to right setting the table for Bayliss. In a bizarre play, Bayliss was caught in a run down when Jason Wooten '97 failed to recognize the sign for the suicide squeeze.

In the bottom half of the fourth Cushing put three men on with no outs as a result of the momentary reemergence of poor Andover fielding as the Blue committed three consecutive errors. This would prove to be a gut-check for Bayliss and he showed the fortitude needed to get a no-hitter by retiring three Cushing batters and stranding the three runners. After the game Bayliss would say, "I knew a hit in that situation could result in a loss for us." He definitely rose to the occasion and this may be looked on later in the year as a major turning point in the season.

Bayliss appeared to get stronger as the game progressed and got the Cushing batters in order in the fifth and sixth. In the seventh the righty started to show signs of slowing down by walking a batter for the first time this year, but he quickly rebounded striking out two batters and clinching the no-no. On a couple of other positive notes, freshmen Mike Turner doubled in his first at-bat of the season... Cushing has only been able to manage one hit in the two game season series against Andover... Andover has come together as a tight defensive unit

Exeter

Exeter brought a post-graduate packed line-up to Phelps Field on a rainy Saturday afternoon. In what was supposed to be a doubleheader between the two classic rivals became

a single, wet duel filled with many errors and relatively few hits.

Andover did receive an excellent seven inning outing from their third starter, Chris Meserole '98. Meserole who has had a hot bat as of late, went the distance, giving up only two earned runs on nine hits and two walks.

Unpleasant field conditions did not make this game an easy one to perform in, but other factors seemed to be at work in the first and second innings when Andover allowed seven runs on nine errors and just four hits. Notably, two of Exeter's first seven runs were scored by their lightning-quick freshman centerfielder who led off the game by grounding to second and beating out the throw for an infield single, stealing second, and eventually scoring Exeter's first run. The youngster, Fuld, was to go on to hit an opposite field double, a 3-bag smash to the hockey rink, and another single before the day was over. Fuld's play in the first two frames, along with Andover's inexplicably poor defense, helped to give Exeter a 7-0 lead heading into the bottom of the second.

The luck finally began to shift in Andover's direction when Bayliss' fly ball to right was dropped, allowing him to reach third. Steve Johanson '97 grounded Bayliss in for Andover's first run and, in the fourth, singled him in for the second run. The Johanson/Bayliss connection had taken a bite into Exeter's lead, and with improving defense and solid hitting Andover climbed back into the game.

In the bottom of the fifth inning Rich Hogan '97 and Ricky Crowley '97 had both singled to jumpstart the Andover offense and Tony Dent was left at the plate with two runners on. Dent, Andover's RBI leader and leader in almost every offensive statistical category, delivered with a single to right, scoring Hogan. Tommy Ryan '97 scored Crowley with a sacrifice cutting the deficit to three and leaving the tying run at the plate with Bayliss due up. Bayliss, much to the chagrin of the Andover faithful, struck out, and Dave Weiner '97 followed with a K of his own, thus ending the Andover rally.

Pitching calmly through a few rough innings, Meserole had managed

to quiet the Exeter offense until he loaded the bases in the sixth with a walk, a single, and an error of his own.

With two men retired and the bases still loaded, an Exeter player hit a sharp come-backer on the ground that Meserole smothered in the wet grass right in front of the mound with his body, stood up, and got the runner at first, escaping from the inning.

Though Exeter tacked on another run to make the score 8-4 before the home half of the final inning, Dent, Ryan, and Bayliss breathed life into their team with a two out rally that scored one. Two men were still on base, the score 8-5, when Weiner took the fatigued Exeter pitcher deep to left. The Exeter player's hearts must have skipped a beat because this ball was foul by such a slim margin it was hard to believe that anyone let alone the umpire could know for sure. Whether it was a correct call or not, it defeated Andover's chances for an amazing two-out rally.

The Blue lost the game on this disappointing note, but not without optimism. These two very evenly matched teams will meet at the end of the season at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, New York, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, at which point Andover expects to return the favor.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY BOYS										
Andover vs. Exeter										
Hitters	Ab	H	R							
Hogan	3	2	1	1						
Crowley	3	1	1	1						
Dent	3	2	1	1						
Ryan	4	1	0	2						
Bayliss	4	1	0	2						
Weiner	3	0	0	0						
Johanson	3	0	0	0						
Pugatch	1	0	0	0						
Hinghamton	3	1	0	0						
Manning	3	0	0	0						
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BA	SO					
Meserole	7	9	5	2	0					
Andover vs. Cushing										
Hitters	Ab	H	R							
Hogan	3	0	0	0						
Crowley	3	0	0	0						
Dent	2	1	1	1						
Ryan	2	1	1	1						
Bayliss	3	1	0	0						
Meserole	3	0	0	0						
Wooten	3	1	0	0						
Turner	3	1	0	0						
Pugatch	3	0	0	0						
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BA	SO					
Bayliss	7	0	0	1	10					

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday May 10, 1997 (DH)

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: L, 8 Deerfield
3 Andover

Game 2: 10 Deerfield
0 Andover

Deerfield-Game 1

To keep post-season hopes alive, Andover went into their game against rival Deerfield needing a win. The Blue set put their hopes on the shoulders of senior pitcher Owen Tripp.

It was a new-looking Andover lineup that took the field in the first game of the twinbill. Captain Jarrett Bayliss '97 started at first base while Tom Ryan '97 moved to the designated hitter spot. Andover quickly found themselves in a hole that they would never be able to get out of, being down 5-0 after just two innings.

Tripp gave up six earned runs over 5 2/3 innings—giving up only two hits—but it was his control problem that led to his demise. Tripp summarized his performance after the game by saying, "Generally I didn't throw strikes."

Andover would eventually get down 8-0 before their previously non-existent offense came alive scoring three garbage runs at the end of the game to make the score look somewhat respectable.

Deerfield- Game 2

Knowing that they had already been eliminated from post-season play Andover came into the second half of the double-header attempting to preserve their dignity. The result of this knowledge may have produced what was truly pathetic play.

Chris Meserole '98 started the

game, but only lasted two innings. In actuality Meserole threw the ball quite well, but the Deerfield batters were still able to see his pitches easily and connect. Andover's fate was determined by poor defense, but even poorer hitting.

The Blue, facing a subpar pitcher, were at a loss for offense, taking many called third strikes. After the sweep there did not seem much to look forward to except a rematch with arch-rival Exeter at Cooperstown.

DATE OF CONTEST: ^{wednesday} May 14, 1997

OPPONENT: Tabor Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULT: W, 3 Andover
2 Tabor

Tabor

Returning from a 3-game stint away from home, the PA Baseball team hosted a competitive Tabor team Wednesday at Phelps Field. Brian Heighington '98 at last cracked the Blue's starting rotation with a beautiful demonstration of how to get outs.

For seven innings, Heighington ran ahead in the count with almost every

batter he was to eventually retire. But it was a rocky start for Heighington who, with his unorthodox delivery and early game uneasiness, was hit up for two straight doubles to lead off the game, which led to Tabor's first run.

Freshman Mike Turner started the game at third, as Bayliss moved to. A single and a stolen base, which initiated a small scuffle, by Turner in the bottom of the second set the table for Jason Wooten '97 who gave the ball an incredibly long ride towards the paddle-tennis courts in deepest left field.

Wooten's hit was minimized to a double when Coach Cline held him up after a huge turn around second. Apparently the speed of the senior catcher was not to be tested. Andover left the inning having notched the score at 1-1. As Heighington continued to sail through Tabor's batting order, the game progressed rapidly. The sixth inning began with a hard single by Bayliss who had flirted with extra bases earlier. Dave Weiner '97, the designated hitter, promptly belted a triple to left-center, plating Bayliss for the go-ahead run. An insurance run came on a perfectly executed suicide squeeze play by Turner. Tabor's retaliation in the seventh comprised a single, a stolen base, and an error, as well as a double into the gap. Tony Dent '98 had his sights on making the catch and ending the game on a spectacular note, but the ball bounced short and skipped under his glove. Fortunately Tabor's rally ended abruptly when the composed pitcher Heighington forced the final batter into a groundout.

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday May 24, 1997

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Cooperstown, NY

RESULT: L, 7 Exeter
6 Andover

Excitement Mounts for Showdown at Cooperstown

Andover Uses Off-Week
to prepare for tomorrow's
match-up against Exeter,
scheduled to take place on
historic Doubleday Field

by Nick MacInnis and Noah Kaye

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It's been a full week since Brian Heighington '99 and company stopped the bleeding at Phelps Field with a victory over Tabor last

Wednesday. The baseball team hasn't played a game since, as Andover has been preparing for tomorrow's game, but that game is by far the most important of the season.

The squad will journey to Doubleday Field, at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York to take another swipe at an Exeter team which pounded them in the drizzle just a few weeks ago. During the week-long break in its schedule, the team has practiced with intensity. An inter-squad game produced some spectacular plays and a renewed sense of enthusiasm.

"It's been a difficult year in some respects, because we have not played with the type of consistency we had hoped for," remarked Coach Cline. But after nine innings, two frames more than usual, the boys' hearts may be completely relieved of the weight of the disappointing year.

As Jason Wooten '97 said in the back of a dark bus, "You're only as good as your last game". As of Wednesday, Owen Tripp '97 was penciled in as the starter and it is highly likely that Heighington and Jaffet Bayliss '97 will pitch in relief.

Every Andover player is expected to make the trip and, in turn, every player is expected to play because both teams have agreed to play the game with modified substitution rules; players may leave and reenter the game.

This game is a timeless classic on an immortal field, and it will be a serious challenge. Coach Cline's offered his take on the situation, saying "This experience is one that both players and coaches will remember for a very long time".

Clearly, Andover looks forward not only to the honor of competing on the historic field of Cooperstown, New York, but also to the opportunity to salvage an otherwise dismal season by beating Exeter on the hallowed grounds.

Baseball Team's Loss to Exeter Punctuates Mediocre '97 Season

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Even in an off-year for Central New England baseball, the Phillips Academy baseball team, lacking a core as good as those of past championship teams, was not able to seize the opportunity to succeed. In a year where competition is below average it would seem that the Blue would be capable of three-peating as league champs despite their loss of talent.

But, there was no league championship; in fact, there was not even a tournament birth. Inconsistently plagued this team in both its offense and defense.

It was a senior-laden pitching staff that was Andover's saving grace. Captain Jarrett Bayliss and Owen Tripp were the workhorses of the staff, compiling an average ERA of 3.62.

As the season progressed, Andover was able to give quality playing time to certain young players, a sign of a abandoned season but also good for the future.

After their first four games of the baseball season, it appeared as though Andover was a team on the brink of success. With their 2-2 record, the Blue were yet to establish how good they really were, but pitching seemed to be on the boys' side.

The first game of the season revealed what would prove to be a true weakness—defense. Playing against a team, Wilbraham and Monson, which had not defeated them in years Andover allowed their opening day starter to take a harsh loss, 7-1.

Bayliss, who remarkably allowed only one earned run, pitched very well in the opener, though the score may indicate otherwise.

Following their loss to Wilbraham and Monson Andover came home to battle perennial league powerhouse Cushing. Losing their first two games could have been disastrous for the Blue, so it was Owen Tripp's job to prevent another league loss, and the lefty did just that. Tripp was masterful giving up three runs on only two hits steering Andover to it's first win of the year.

The first segment of their season was wrapped up after a win against Worcester and a loss at the hands of Harvard; the highly anticipated doubleheader against NMH became a focal point in Andover's quest to place itself among the elite teams in the league.

Rich Hogan '97 took the mound in the first game of the double-dip and was quickly rocked. Hogan survived the first inning giving up no runs, but was touched up later as NMH took a commanding lead. Behind hitting by Tony Dent '98 and senior Tim Ryan kept Andover on pace, but the Blue faltered and Chris Meserole '98, seeing his first action of the year, took the loss in extra innings.

The second game was Bayliss' second start and second victimization at the hands of the Andover defense, as the Blue were drubbed to complete NMH's sweep.

A long-awaited rematch of the season's opener turned sour when the Blue's defense cost them yet another game. This time, Wilbraham and Monson faced Owen Tripp who, with his usual control problems, suffered a loss and ran Andover's losing streak to three.

Next up was a meeting with the traditionally excellent Exeter squad. Chris Meserole was given his first start in this one, and he pitched adequately allowing two earned runs

"The coaching staff was very happy with the progress of some lower-classmen, and we expect big things from them in the future."

—Coach Andy Cline

on nine hits. Unexplainably poor defense from the Blue's infield let Exeter jump out to an early 7-0 lead that Andover would never be able to recover from.

Despite a rally ignited by Rick Crowley '97 and Dent P.A. came up short in the bottom of the seventh stranding three runners and lost the game 8-5.

What may have been the lone bright spot of the season came when Jarrett Bayliss threw an incredible no-hitter while knocking in Andover's only two runs against Cushing. Pitching on little rest, Bayliss allowed three runs, all courtesy of Andover errors. The righty, who was a league All-Star, consistently pitched very well for Andover amazingly ending the season with only five walks while compiling an ERA of 4.00.

The Massachusetts native had never thrown a no-hitter and could not have picked a better time to do so, as Andover was in need of a league win to stay in post-season contention.

Next up for Andover was a double-header against Deerfield that would make or break their season. If Andover could have pulled off the sweep they would have all but guaranteed themselves a journey birth; unfortunately Deerfield was up to the task of taking down a fired up Andover team.

Tripp, the starter for game one, and his Andover teammates found themselves in a 5-0 hole after just two innings and eventually fell behind 8-0 as they watched their post-season aspirations in a loss by the count of 8-3.

In the second game of the twinnbill, with all hopes of the tournament gone, Andover was looking to play for some pride and respect; they would get neither. The Blue played dimly, losing 10-0, as both defensive and offensive play was less than excellent.

With their season coming to a close the only thing left for the players to look forward to was a rematch with Exeter at the historic Doubleday field in Cooperstown, NY.

Before the rematch with Exeter, Andover, behind great pitching from Brian Heighington, squeaked by Tabor 3-2. Heighington appeared to have great control, consistently getting ahead of batters while squashing all Tabor rallies with timely strikeouts.

Heighington's performance was a definite bright spot for the Andover faithful, and the team expects more of these kinds of outings next year.

Dent started the scoring in grand fashion against Exeter, going deep to left-center for a solo-shot that put Andover ahead 1-0. Exeter scored four runs off of Owen Tripp before he was pulled in the fourth. Heighington then came on for a couple of innings as Andover fought back with more help from Dent who singled home Brett Farson '99 to tie the score at 6-6.

The final three innings of the game were a genuinely classic saga in Andover baseball. Captain Jarrett Bayliss took the mound in his last appearance in blue pinstripes. Until the bottom of the eighth, he had silenced Exeter's bats and as usual held outstanding command over his pitches.

However, Bayliss did get in some trouble when a single and two walks loaded the bases with no outs. Bayliss escaped the jam, giving up only one run and showing a lot of savvy, but that run off of an Exeter base hit sent the team's hope of a season-ended his and the team's hope of a season-ended solace of beating their arch rival in Cooperstown.

An uncertain future lies ahead for Andover baseball. A promising pitching staff may be developing that includes Heighington, Meserole, Matt Palmer '99, Brett Farson '99 and Mike Turner '00.

Senior leaders like Tommy Ryan, Owen Tripp, and Johanson, who belted a double off the wall at Cooperstown, approached and endured this season in the best manner that they could.

Bayliss and Todd Pugatch '97 similarly set an excellent example for underclassmen, despite Andover's disappointing results this year. Next year's team will look to build off both the successes and the failures of the '97 squad.

Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI	BA
Bayliss	48	15	11	14	.313
Crowley	25	5	4	0	.200
Dent	40	18	12	10	.450
Farnon	22	5	3	0	.227
Heighington	12	3	1	1	.231
Hogan	18	3	4	0	.167
Johanson	23	3	2	5	.130
Monson	12	1	1	0	.083
Meserole	31	9	3	5	.290
Palmer	16	3	1	2	.188
Pugatch	37	7	4	1	.189
Ryan	38	9	12	4	.237
Tripp	9	0	0	2	.000
Turner	10	3	1	4	.300
Weister	25	6	1	1	.240
Wooden	23	5	3	1	.217

Pitchers	IP	K	ERA	W-L
Bayliss	28	37	4.00	1-3
Tripp	24.33	26	3.74	1-2
Meserole	15.33	2	4.11	1-3
Heighington	14.33	12	1.95	1-0

SPORT: BOYS CREW
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: Seth Moulton
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Peter Washburn
ASSISTANT COACHES: P.J. Karafiol, K. Lucier,
P. Merrill, R. Moss, E. Quattlebaum,
C. Schmidt, C. Wray

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____

LETTER WINNERS

Crew - BV
Accomando, Justin P.
Addison, Danny D.
Cody, Michael R.
Daniszewski, Jonathan E.
Denham, James S.
Djunic, Luka D.
Elworthy, Brian R.
Gaughen, Patrick R.
Hertzog, Jeffrey O.
Huntoon, Daniel T. V., J
Kirk, Nathaniel T.
McGowan, Michael F.
Moulton, Seth W. (C)
Panich, Michael L.
Quilty-Dunn, Liam G.
Shih, Samantha M.
Skaliotis, Joel J.
Washburn, Hunter D.

PG Djunic Expected to Lift Andover Crew to a New Level

by Joel Skaliotis

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The sound of boots crunching snow and oars clacking against ice once again signals the start of another crew season. The pre-season has given nothing but

good omens, ranging from a calendar allowing two weeks of preseason practice to the new boat donated by an alumnus.

Winter training, led by history teaching fellow Chris Schmidt, has developed the team, particularly in the second boat, to new levels of power and competitiveness.

For this season, Joel Skaliotis '97 moves into the bow seat, after his brief sojourn rowing three seat in the '96 season. Nate Kirk '98 moves up from last year's second boat to fill the two seat, and has already emerged as one of the major powerhouses of the boat with top ergometer scores.

The looming presence of James Denham '98 fills the three seat, well paired with the towering mass of four seat's Tom Huntoon '98.

Danny Addison '98 returns to the water in the five seat, paired with a newcomer to Andover Crew, Luka Djunic '97 in six. The power and technical excellence Djunic brings from his experience on the Yugoslavian Junior National Rowing Team greatly contributes to this already strong crew.

Bringing up the stern are three returning first boat members. Liam Quilty-Dunn '98 moves from his previous position at the bow to the seven seat, where he now leads the starboard side with strength and enthusiasm. The stroke seat is once again occupied by Seth Moulton '97, this year leading the team as captain. And Herzog keeps the crew on course in the coxswain's seat.

The first boat has already broken many early season records from last season, and shows every sign of being capable of melding into a solid, fast, highly competitive crew.

The second boat is also showing early signs of heavy drive and commitment. Composed largely of veterans of this year's winter crew training group, these rowers are well used to working together, and know very well what is needed to win.

Chris Schmidt will serve as second boat coach and assistant varsity coach, allowing Coach Washburn to focus on his work with the first boat.

The season starts off this Saturday with the home race against Kent, a team known for spending their spring break training in Florida. Although this has left the Blue with only one week to prepare in ferocious, windswept conditions, Coach Washburn is not worried.

"Despite both the short preparation time and the poor weather, both boats are coming along nicely. Although the first boat has only been together a short time, they are already working well together to develop good boat speed. Winter training has prepared the boats very well, they have started the season much stronger than we expected them to."

Boys' Crew First Boat

"Rowing is a team sport more than any other. With no substitutes or line changes, everyone must be at his best—and on Saturday we all were"

Captain Seth Moulton '97

by Jason Gimbel and Andy Butler
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Boys' crew began its season with a bang this week, as the first boat, consisting of Jeff Herzog '97, Seth Moulton '97, Joel Skaliotis '97, Luca Djunic '97, Nate Kirk '98, Tom Huntoon '98, Danny Addison '98, James Denham '98 and Liam Quilty-Dunn '98, emerged victorious over Kent in the first race of the year. In beating Kent, the boys captured the illustrious Dent Oars for the first time since 1989. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the victory is that Kent goes down to Florida before each season, whereas Andover's season just recently began. Although PA often defeats Kent in late-season meetings, normally the early spring disparity between the crews spells Andover's demise. The Blue have won the trophy a scant three times since the institution of the competition in 1975. Consequently, winning the Dent Oars portends excellent things for the rest of the season.

Guided by four seniors, the boat came together in rapid fashion during the opening week of the season. Jeff Herzog and Seth Moulton returned from last year's squad to man the coxswain and stroke seats respectively. With the key addition of one year senior Luka Djunic '97, the boat has a strong group in the stern for everyone to follow. Djunic also brings inval-

able international experience, having competed several times at the junior national level in Europe.

Although Liam Quilty-Dunn '98 and Joel Skaliotis '97 occasionally rowed on boat two last year, with hard work and determination they have each earned permanent seats on the first boat. Rounding out the eight are a group of former B-2 rowers: Danny Addison '98, Tom Huntoon '98, James Denham '98, and Nate Kirk '98. This balanced group of rowers com-

Not an easy job, but one that Moulton does well.

Although he has been essential to the development of the boat, the ever-modest Moulton commends Luka for infusing the team with a good attitude and strong will. The one-year senior, who plans to row at Harvard next year, brings a new level of experience and skill to the boat.

The unsung hero of the boys' crew team may be coxswain Jeff Herzog, who laments that many underestimate

his, "contribution to the boat." As coxswain, he is responsible for a great many things, including steering the boat. But perhaps the most important thing Herzog does is provide encouragement with his, "fanatical screaming fits," and his, "complete slander of the opposition."

While all of these seniors have made huge contributions to B1's success, the man who



biner experience and strength to form one cohesive unit with a strong, never-lose attitude.

A major part of the boat's early season success can be credited to captain Moulton. Through his leadership and spirit, Seth has calmly guided the team into 1997. In addition, Moulton occupies arguably the most important seat on the boat: as stroke, he must set the stroke pace for the team and constantly communicate with the coxswain to coordinate strategy and keep the boat rowing well and fast.

can take the most pride in the program is Peter Washburn, a coach who demands a lot from his rowers. Several rowers remarked that Washburn, "makes you want to do your best."

A former international rower and college coach, Washburn brings an extensive knowledge of crew to the team—along with a healthy dose of humor. "Mr. Washburn makes us all have a great time," noted Captain Moulton. As long as the boys continue to have fun, hopefully they will be able to continue their winning ways.

Crew's B1 Shocks Kent

Andover brings home the coveted Dent Oars for only the third time in the past 22 years.

by Joel Skaliotis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' crew opened this weekend with the traditional race against Kent, and for the first time since 1989, Andover's first boat returned the series trophy to the PA boathouse. Although the Blue has often been able to pass Kent by Inter-schools, the Connecticut school almost always wins this first race of the season because they spend spring break training in Florida, giving them a big head-start on the season.

Boat 1

The wind picked up towards the end of the afternoon, but this did not deter the first boats of both schools from rowing a dramatic race. Both boats had good starts with stroke ratings around forty strokes per minute, though Kent's greater training allowed them to maintain the higher starting rate longer than Andover, who settled down to their race rate of 34 s.p.m. about five to ten strokes earlier than Kent. This initial advantage gave Kent the edge from the start, putting them two seats ahead. Andover surged back however, determined not to let Kent keep their lead. With 500 meters down



The B1 boat surges through the water, attempting to stave off a Kent charge, and maintain its narrow two seat lead.

Photo / C. Schmidt

and despite a brief loss of concentration caused by a particularly rough stretch of water, the Blue led by several seats. Andover widened its lead to nearly a full boat length by the end of the second 500 meters.

Then Kent's extensive training time showed through again, allowing them to start their final sprint with 500 meters to go, 200 meters earlier than the Andover crew. Andover fought back, but could not entirely fend off Kent's charge, losing all but two seats of their lead. With three hundred meters to go, Andover struck back, taking their final sprint, and cranking their rate up to 38 s.p.m. This cut short Kent's efforts to regain the lead, and Andover pulled ahead to win by half a boat length.

In winning, the Blue recaptured the prestigious Dent Oars, a trophy passed

back and forth between the two schools according to the outcome of the B1 race. The Oars have graced the Andover boathouse only twice previously, making this the third victory against Kent in twenty two years, and the first win since 1989.

Boat 2

The second boat suffered even more greatly from Kent's early start to the season. Even off the start, Kent managed to pull four seats ahead almost immediately after the crews had settled to their racing stroke ratings. At 750 meters down, Andover took a mid-race sprint in a desperate attempt to regain the ground they had lost in the first half of the race. Although they managed to pull the boats even within the next two hundred meters, it cost more than the

young crew could give with only one week under their belts, and Kent moved out again to win by slightly over a full boat length. Despite this early loss, the second boat remained confident in their ability to meld into a fast crew. Coach Washburn has started this week off by making changes which have already made the boat faster, and more cohesive.

Washburn commented that he was pleased with the performances of both boats, though the two still have much to improve both in strength and technique. This week will provide much needed water time before their next race against Exeter and four other crews at Worcester tomorrow.

Contrary to what was printed on April, 11, Luka Djunic is a one-year senior, not a post-graduate.

Crew's B1 Places Second in Competitive Field of Five

by Joel Skaliotis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Traditionally a five boat race, the first trip to Lake Quinsigamond is always an adventure for Andover Crew.

The conditions are rarely ideal in the early season, and this year proved no exception. The boys' boats were prepared for this, having spent the week rowing in horrible conditions.

Saturday dawned with a drizzle and wind speeds that prevented Exeter from attending. Andover, along with Simsbury, Northfield-Mount Herman, St. John's Prep, and Tabor Academy, braved the rain to race on Saturday afternoon.

The first boat, unfortunately, did not adapt properly to the conditions, and was beaten back by the choppy wake of the lake. Still, all boats were almost even off the start. Once the crew began to settle, Andover quickly

left NMH in the spray, remaining even with the other three boats. After five hundred meters, however, Simsbury began to drop back as well.

In the middle five hundred, Andover began to fall apart, committing small technical errors that further slowed the boat. The more focused Tabor began to pull ahead, gradually gaining length over Andover and St. John's.

At the 750 mark, Andover made a move, attempting to regain the lost ground. This move managed to cut Tabor's lead down to half a boat length, but did not allow Andover to fully recover the needed distance. St. John's also made their move in this period, creeping up on Andover until the two boats were dead even.

In the final five hundred, all three crews started their sprints, further distancing themselves from Simsbury and NMH. Andover finally managed to pull itself together, beating St. John's by less than a seat and coming in second to Tabor, the winner by a length.

Boys' Crew Proves Inferior to St. Pauls'

by Joel Skaliotis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' crew matched up against its toughest competition last Saturday, the rowers from the St. Paul's school in New Hampshire. The Merrimack was relatively calm, with a light

rain smoothing out the chop caused by a slight headwind.

Both the first and second boats approached the race with confidence, feeling the benefits of two straight weeks of heavy practices. St. Paul's proved too strong to overcome, however, and swept all four boys' races.

The first boat spent its two weeks well, using the time off to boost themselves to a new level of toughness, as well as to perfect several technique problems experienced in previous races.

They developed a new racing strategy, adding a "flutter", or a twenty stroke sprint at a higher rating, to the middle section of their race. This proved to be immensely useful against St. Paul's, who uses flutters as part of their strategy as well.

Despite the new racing plan and the boat's improved technical ability, St. Paul's managed to pull ahead off the start, gaining slowly throughout the body of the race to win by half a boatlength of open water. The Blue rowed well but probably at too high a strokes-per-minute rating. Had they stayed with St. Paul's through the first

1000 meters of the race at a lower rating, they might have been able to take a more effective move in the final 500 meters of the race. As it was, the Blue's sprint was not too effective since they were already at a fast rating.

In spite of this defeat, the boys' first boat remains confident. They have a great opportunity this weekend to avenge their early-season loss to Tabor and crush the Exies all in one race.

Especially with some rigging adjustments that Coach Washburn feels will allow them to more efficiently use their power, Andover is sure that St. Paul's will not be out of reach in three weeks when the two boats meet again at Interschols.

"We're still right in this," commented Captain Seth Moulton '97.

The second boat also had a sound race with a disappointing result. Both Andover and St. Paul's were even from the start through the first 500 meters. St. Paul's took a flutter at 750, however, and managed to take five or six seats on the Blue. Andover tried to come back in the 500 meters, but could not catch the faster St. Paul's crew.

St. Paul's went on to win by between a half and a full length of open water. Five seat Pat Gaughen '99 commented, "We rowed a hard race, and our timing and set were good. St. Paul's was just a larger crew than we were."

The second boat still has dreams of a first place Interschols finish. With lots of good, hard work in the coming weeks, the boat should be able to catch St. Paul's.

Crew Program Gets Set for Interschols

by Joel Skaliotis

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' crew raced Exeter and Tabor on Saturday in a competition between what are arguably three out of the four top teams in New England. The day dawned cool and windless, giving the Blue relief from the harsh weather they had endured during the week.

Boat 1

The boys' first boat went to the line confident and determined. The previous week had brought several changes from their last race against St. Paul's. The most significant of these changes was a rigging shift that allowed the boys' first to apply significantly more pressure on each stroke. This move is rarely used—it is dangerous because the team could tire out early, and struggle in the latter parts of the race. Coach Washburn was confident that the first boat could handle it, however, and handle it they did, performing excellently during their race.

All three boats were off the line together, though Tabor managed to gain a few seats after the boats had settled down to their base rating. At the half way mark, Andover went into their mid race sprint, matching Tabor's similar move, and pulling further ahead of Exeter. Unfortunately, power dropped off following the move, allowing Exeter to catch up, and Tabor to slip further ahead. Fortunately, Andover managed to make it up in their sprint, closing Tabor's gap to half a length by the finish, and beating Exeter out by one seat. Unfortunately, the results were later changed by the student line judge, despite the opinion of both boats and their coaches that Andover had beaten out their long time rival. Although, the line judge's ruling gave Exeter a tainted second place finish, it has been generally agreed upon that Andover beat out the red.

Boat 2

The second boat also did well, despite its slightly rocky start. All three boats started even, though Andover managed to pull ahead by using a longer opening sprint than their competitors. At the half-way mark, however, both Exeter and Tabor took their mid-race sprints, a move not used by the Andover crew, managing to push them back into third place. The boats held this formation until the last three hundred meters, Andover's specialty, where Andover went into a graduated sprint, raising the rating first to 38, then to 42. Unfortunately, Andover was unable to surpass either Exeter or Tabor.

Both boats enter the final part of their season with high hopes concerning Interschols.

The entire crew program is training harder than it has so far, pushing themselves over the last practices before tapering off for "schols. This week pits Andover against NMH, a crew that has rarely given the Blue any trouble.

Boys' Crew Glides By

NMH Proves No Match For B1 or B2, as Andover Hits its Peak, Entering Interschols

by Joel Skallotis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



On Saturday, the boys' crew squad drove out to western Massachusetts for its last race before the all-important Interschols. Northfield-Mount Hermon has rarely given any boat from Andover trouble, and this year proved no exception. Both the first boat and the second boat had beaten them previously this season by significant amounts, and were looking to gain momentum for the tournament.

Boat 1

The first boat spent most of its week training in preparation for the final race at Interschols, pouring in as much work as possible before tapering off the following week. From its race against Tabor the previous week, it was clear that a title was not beyond Andover's grasp as long as the Blue could make up the few remaining seconds that Tabor held over the Blue's head.

The men in blue went into this week with that goal in mind, not even considering the upcoming NMH race until Friday.

The race itself went as expected. Because the race course at NMH includes a turn, the start was staggered, with the NMH boat starting half a length up in all of the boys' races. In addition, the almost deliberately confusing starting procedure of the NMH coach left Andover still in the blocks, while NMH jumped out to a three stroke lead before Andover realized that the race had started.

Despite NMH's early lead, Andover managed to make up the distance and more, coming out of the first thirty strokes already ahead of NMH's bow. Partially due to their harried start, B1 rowed a rough first five hun-

dred meters, though pulling together during their flutter halfway down the course.

They further managed to increase their lead by sticking to their race plan and not thinking about the NMH team they were leaving behind in their wake.

Andover finished the race strong, a full 25 seconds ahead of their competition. The astonishing eight boat length victory gives the Blue valuable momentum for tomorrow's Interschols, as Andover will need to be at its peak to overcome boats from Tabor, Exeter and St. Paul's.

Boat 2

The second boat had a similar race, falling behind at the start, though coming back strong to win by an unbelievable 57 seconds.

Andover made it obvious that it had made good use of its time since its defeat at the hands of Exeter and Tabor in the previous week.

Under the guiding hand of teaching fellow Chris Schmidt, the boat has gained speed at a rate that speaks well of their chances in the week to come at Interschols.

The boat as a whole has developed more drive and power, allowing it to combat strongly any moves or tactics used by their competition.

This group has really come to harness the power they put away over the winter, and are sure to surprise a significant number of second boat crews that maintain a false sense of security after their victories over Andover's B2 in the early parts of the season.

Both the first and the second boat have gained a lot of speed and have a lot of scores to settle this Saturday, where they go against all of New England in the race of the year.

Boat one's seniors, Jeff Herzog, Joel Skallotis and Captain Seth Moulton will look to lead the Blue in their last race at Andover.



The boys' first boat practices on the Merrimack River. This season's intense training helped Andover to one of its most successful seasons in recent memory.

Photo / J. Tiernan

Boys' Crew Enjoys Superior Season Laying Foundation for the Future

by Joel Skaliotis
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This year began a new era of boys' crew at Andover, one in which the team has begun to pull themselves out of the slump that has characterized the previous few years and returned to take its rightful place among the rowing powerhouses of New England. A new attitude has emerged, a spirit of drive and commitment that has replaced the old lethargy.

The crew itself, made up of Joel Skaliotis '97 in bow, Nate Kirk '98 in the two seat, James Denham '98 in three, Tom Huntoon '98 in four, Danny Addison '98 in five, Luka Djunic '97 in the six seat, Liam Quilty-Dunn '98 in seven, Seth Moulton '97 stroking, and Jeff Herzog '97 as coxswain, first joined forces during fall term, with all but Djunic coming out for the non-competitive fall season. The group later split to their respective winter sports, training on the side both collectively and on their own. Once the group reconvened at the start of the spring season, they were more than ready to take on the best crews that New England could throw at them.

The boys' first challenge came against Kent, a program that is consistently one of the top five teams in the NEIRA. Kent always has a particular advantage in this season opener, due to their annual training trip to Florida, made every spring break by their top three boats. This gave them a significant advantage over the Blue, who only had a week and a half on the water before the race. At this juncture, the first boat showed

"The crew team will be led by a strong core group of five returning first-boat rowers. With the addition of some talented younger guys, we look to have a strong season and challenge for the NEIRA championship."

-Tom Huntoon

what it was capable of, refusing to be pushed back by the smoother Kent boat, and coming back three times to finally win by half a boat length. In doing so, they captured the prestigious Dent Oars, a trophy that has adorned the Andover boat house only twice in twenty five years.

The team's second race, against NMH, St. John's, Tabor, and Simsbury was not as productive, as Andover came in second to a surprising fast Tabor. To many crews' surprise, Tabor went on to win the New England championship. The boys rebounded from this loss, however, using the following two weeks to push themselves to new limits of physical conditioning and technical prowess. This helped the overall conditioning of the boat, though it did not sway the outcome of their next race, this time against St. Paul's. Shortly following the St. Paul's race, however, the additional training paid off, allowing Coach Washburn to increase the load carried by each oar, allowing for more force to be transmitted in each stroke. This will allow the boat to go significantly faster while at the same stroke rating, though a crew unable to deal with the extra load will burn out in the first five hundred meters of the race. The boys adjusted quickly to the new rigging, and during practice soon proved that they were able to handle the challenge presented to them by Coach Washburn. Their first week with the

new adjustments ended with a home race against Exeter and Tabor. This proved to be the toughest race to that point for the first boat. Tabor had beaten them by a full length just three weeks before, and Exeter had not been beaten for several years. Andover raced it hard, managing to squeeze Exeter out by one second, though losing to Tabor by two seconds.

Interschols week went well, with B1 tapering off significantly from Monday onward. Saturday dawned with sunshine and low wind, the first race day this season to have excellent conditions. Andover was seeded into the first heat, with the top three finishers going on to the final in the afternoon. Andover qualified easily, enabling them to race the last five hundred meters at a less taxing rate, saving their energy for the afternoon final.

The final also went well, as B1 pulled their best race yet, each rower giving their absolute limit on each stroke. The top five boats in the six boat race were dead even with five hundred down, though Tabor began to pull ahead at that point, chased by Salisbury. The race ended with Tabor taking the championship, and Andover's B1 coming in fifth, the best finish for an Andover boy's boat in several years. The first boat is young this year, and with only three rowers graduating, should be in an even stronger position next year. The

five returning uppers are already gearing up to try to ensure a championship in 1998.

Two seat Nate Kirk has been asked to attend selection camp for the USA Junior National team this summer, an honor that comes based on his performance both on the water and the ever improving scores from his erg tests. This year has been the first step towards a boat capable of dominating New England. Next year could very likely see completion of that dream.

SPORT: GIRLS CREW

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: SERA COPPOLINO
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: PETER WASHBURN, KATHRYN LUCIER
ASSISTANT COACHES:

P.J. Karafiol, P Merrill, R. Moss, E. Quattlebaum,
C. Schmidt, C. Wray

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Crew - GV
Brooks, Hannah M.
Carpenter, Jennifer E.
Coffey, Claire M.
Coppolino, Sera J.(c)
Draper, Danielle C.
Greig, Elizabeth A.
Howell, Liberty E.
Lepore, Sara E.
Lux, Annie F.
MacDonald, Alexis U.
Madera, Morgan J.
Pollak, Caroline
Samora, Samantha L.
Schoen, Jessica L.
Schrage, Rebecca K.
Smith, Katherine M.
Soichet, Emmanuelle S.
Stump, Shana C.
Sullivan, Melissa A.

Girls Fall Short Against Experienced Kent Team

by Sera Coppolino
WILLIAMSPORT SPORTS WRITER

After a week and a half on the water, a crew of eighteen girls met the first challenge of the '97 season. Despite the many hours the girls spent on the river last week (not in bad weather), the crew disappointment this past Sat-

urday, the top two boats lost to a Kent team. This preparation can be attributed to the time the crews spent in Florida last season. The strategy for the first race of the season called for speed and technical excellence at the start. Unfortunately, unforeseen choppy water, impeded girl success.

Boat 1

The first boat came out strong off the start. Although down off the line, the girls pulled the boat together well. The Kent boat. Just after the five hundred meter mark, the Kent boat met with some technical difficulties and was forced to stop for a few vital seconds. Although

the girls quickly composed themselves, Kent had accumulated too much of a lead. It would have been nice to win, but the girls' first boat overcame their disappointment and finished the race with poise and dignity. The girls can expect success in future weeks; unfortunately they ran into a Goliath on Saturday.

Boat 2

In the second boat the story was much the same. Kent had a fast start, and slowly distance themselves throughout the 1500 meter ordeal. The girls were not disheartened, because they stuck to their race plan and pulled their hardest. According to Alexis MacDonald '98, stroke of the second boat, "Overall, the rating was consistent, and we moved well as a boat." After only 10 days on the water, what more can one ask?

This weekend the crews will race at Worcester, against Tabor, Simsbury, Brookline, NMH, and Exeter. This race will be a good indicator of the coming season, as most of these teams, like Andover have only been on the water for around a week. Traditionally, Andover crews have fared well at this regatta; hopefully this tradition will continue.

Rowers Prepare

All-American Coppolino '97 and Company Await Kent

by Sera Coppolino and Shana Stump
WILLIAMSPORT SPORTS WRITERS



Various members of the girls' crew team were heard asking, "is this an oar I see before me?" on the first day of practice, but now, like water off a duck's back, girls' crew flows down the Merrimack with power and finesse. Despite blustery conditions, girls' crew has bravely taken to the water in preparation for their first race this weekend against Kent School. Racing the Kent crew, reigning New England champions, will be the first challenge on the spring '97 odyssey, but one that the Andover team is ready and able to meet.

Though the many seniors who graduated in '96 will be sorely missed during morning practices, Coach Lucier looks to the great depth of last year's team to keep the squad competitive through the '97 season.

Returning varsity rowers include seniors Sera Coppolino, Dia Draper, Liz Greig, Rebecca Schrage, and Jenny Carpenter, uppers Caroline Pollack and Melissa Sullivan, and lower Jess Schoen. Newcomers Shana Stump '97, Hannah Brooks '97, Annie Lux '98, Liberty Howell '98, Katie Smith '98, Emma Soichet '98, Alexis MacDonald '98, Morgan Madera '99,

Sara Lepore '99, and Claire Coffey '99, complete the varsity team.

The focus, strength, and intensity of these two crews will prepare them well for what potentially could be a very successful season. The athletic experience and preseason training are significant proof of that potential.

Coupled with the exceptional erg scores the girls toughed out, many of them also competed on other varsity teams throughout the fall and winter, with the exception of the brave few who scaled icy peaks in winter Search and Rescue. This superior state of physical condition is complemented by what Coach Lucier calls "mental toughness." She is expecting all the girls to be mentally and emotionally prepared for an uncomfortable but enjoyable season.

The varsity boats are followed by a large number of strong dedicated JV and novice rowers, who in the weeks ahead will be looking to rise up through the ranks under the tutelage of Coaches Moss and Wray.

In short, girls' crew is looking up during this, the first week of crew. The team's looking for crew to take over its hearts, minds, and bodies for the next month and a half in the hopes that the faithful readers of this journal will enjoy learning about life's toughest test: 2000 meters on an erg.

Results of the high school Girls' Races at Worcestor on Saturday, April 19, 1997
conditions: cold, steady rain, strong tail wind, choppy water

G-3 (times unavailable)

- 1) Simsbury
- 2) Brookline
- 3) Andover (caught an unrecoverable crab 300m into race)

G-2 (only winning time available)

- 1) Andover 5:17
- 2) Simsbury
- 3) Brookline
- 4) Tabor
- 5) NMH

G-1 (only winning time available)

- 1) Brookline 5:15
- 2) Simsbury
- 3) Andover
- 4) NMH
- 5) Tabor

Girls Fall to Saint Paul's

by Sera Coppolino
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After two race-free weeks of intense practice followed by a short taper, the Andover girls' crew felt well prepared to meet an equally strong St. Paul's' crew. Throughout the years St. Paul's has been a consistently tough crew, and this year is no exception. Although both the girls' first and second boats raced well, both crews lost, though only by seconds.

The girls' first boat raced exceptionally well. Many girls felt that this race was the best of this season, and some, of their careers. After a quick start the girls were down by only a seat, but were unable to pull even. Their big moves at the 500 and 1000 meter markers were met with equally strong moves by St. Paul's. At the finish, Andover had lost by one second. The loss was a disappointment, but still an encouraging sign that the girls' first boat will be in the thick of things at Interschols in three weeks.

The girls' second boat race was very exciting. G2 has shown quick starts in the past few weeks, and lived up to every expectation in this race. The power move they made at the 500 meter mark pulled them up to almost a full boat length of water up on St. Paul's. At 750 meters to go, however, St. Paul's brought the power and rating up, which pulled them ahead of Andover. Andover made a power move at the 1000 meter mark, but were unsuccessful. St. Paul's won the G2 race by six seconds, but like the G1 race, many felt good about the result despite the outcome.

G1 Takes Third at Worcester

by Sera Coppolino
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This past Saturday was a day of mixed emotions for the girls' crew team. At Worcester, they raced Tabor, Northfield, Brookline, and Simsbury.

Exeter was expected to race at this regatta, but did not show because of the unfavorable weather conditions.

Andover's first boat placed third of the five competing crews, losing to Brookline and Simsbury. The second boat dominated its field, coming in first and beating its closest competitor by a full boat length.

Boat 1

Despite wet and windy conditions,

the first boat was well organized, and after a strong warm-up was focused for the start. A quick start put the first boat in contention for first place with Simsbury and Brookline for the first 500 meters of the 1500 meter ordeal.

After the first third of the race was over, however, the other crews began pulling away and Andover could not keep pace. They placed third by about a half a boat length, only a few seconds behind.

Boat 2

The second boat race was the high point of the day for the girls' crew. After a strong start in equally rough conditions the second boat pulled ahead of the other four crews. Throughout the rest of the race the girls continued to pull away from the other crews, until they were but a speck on the horizon. At the finish, line Andover was up by an entire boat length.

During the next ten days the girls look forward to workouts which will test their physical and mental limits. There will be no race this Saturday, which gives the girls a chance to experiment with new line-ups, endure extra long, hard practices, and focus on reaching the outer limits of top performance.

It should be an exciting week as the girls prepare to race St. Paul's, an annual powerhouse, next weekend.

Girls' Crew Crushes Overmatched Team From Northfield

by Sera Coppelino
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Last weekend's race against Northfield Mount-Hermon proved to be a great confidence booster for the Andover girls' crew as it prepares for Interschols this coming weekend.

Repudiating the laziness victory can engender, the crews trained hard right through Saturday, the Andover team swept the day, with both varsity boats winning by a fair margin. Both G1 and G2 had lined up against NMH earlier in the season, with similar results.

Boat 1

On Saturday both Andover crews drew the outside lane of the course, which meant they began the race down, because they had the inside of the large turn at the end of the race.

After an abbreviated warm-up, the girls' first boat got to the line not fully prepared to race. The start and first 500 meters were slow, and Andover was unable to move up the NMH crew. In the middle 500, where Andover's G1 is known to be especially strong, the crew began moving, and the girls regained their composure. Here Andover pulled even, and began to inch up on the NMH crew. It was not until the last 500 meters that the Andover crew was able to pull ahead with confidence. Andover gained about a length and a half on the NMH crew in this time, and finished, after a weak sprint, two lengths up on the competition. Although the race was won, the girls were somewhat disappointed, because, according to one rower, "the race did not feel very strong."

Boat 2

The G2 race was much stronger. The girls were very positive about this race, and some felt that it was the best race of the season. Surprisingly, Andover's start in the G2 race was a bit rocky, probably due to the choppy conditions of the day. However, the girls were able to pull it together for the rest of the race. In the middle of the race, the power came up and the Andover boat began moving well, closing on the NMH crew. The middle 500 of this race was especially strong, which is usually where G2 has some problems. Coming around the turn at the 1000 meter mark, the girls took a power move that left NMH a mere speck on the horizon. G2 won their race by five lengths, almost thirty seconds on NMH.

This week the girls are preparing for Interschols. Both boats are seeded fourth going into the weekend, but in both races the top four boats are within only seconds of each other. This will make for some intense and exciting racing this weekend. The Andover crews are confident about their abilities; they know that they have the training and strength to be among the best crews in New England, and now they just have to prove it to themselves and eleven other schools.

Boat 2

The Andover second boat race began much like the first boat. A week of toughness training carried them into this race. This, too, was a race between only Andover and Exeter. G2, always quick off the line, began the race well and slightly up on Exeter. After their power move at the 500 meter mark, the Andover crew was almost a half length up on Exeter.

Unfortunately, after only about two minutes into the race an oar-lock popped open, which caused the boat to slow down. That accident, coupled with Exeter's power move at the 750 meter mark gave Exeter the lead by almost a full length.

At the 1000 meter mark the Andover girls tried to pull back, but Exeter held them down. The race ended with Exeter ahead by a length over Andover, and Andover a few lengths over Tabor.

The girls will be racing Northfield Mount Herman this coming weekend. Much like racing Tabor, the girls of both boats feel confident about this race, as they both easily defeated NMH earlier in the season.

What the girls are really training and preparing for now is Interschols, which will be held in Worcester on May 24. Both boats, especially if they beat NMH this weekend, look to be placed well for competition on the 24th.

by Sera Coppolino
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This past weekend the Andover girls' crew lined up against Exeter and Tabor Academies. The focus of the week and main competition was Exeter. Tabor was not a threat, as both varsity crews raced Tabor earlier in the season and won by a good margin. Nothing was known of Exeter this year except their reputation as a yearly powerhouse, and their '96 second place finish at Interschols.

Boat 1

A week of physical, and more importantly, mental preparation paid off for the girls in Andover's first boat. Beating both Exeter and Tabor, they were the only winning Andover crew of the day. The secret to their win was a quick start and slightly modified race plan. Tabor was lost from the start, Exeter and Andover were the racing crews.

Andover got a few seats on Exeter off the start, and continued to move up on them throughout the race. At the halfway mark, Exeter began to move, but thanks to the Blue coxswain, Rebecca Schrage '97, Andover responded well and maintained the lead. Schrage also steered a perfect course, despite the Exeter coxswain's attempt to push Andover out of their lane. At the thousand, Andover took a powerful move and claimed three more Exeter seats. Andover's G1 beat Exeter by one length, and Tabor by many.

Girls' Crew Ropes In a Fifth Place 'Schols Finish

by Sera Coppelino

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This year no one knew what to expect from Andover girls' crew. After losing half of the '96 crew, many people considered this to be a rebuilding season for the girls. Luckily, talent and desire ran deep in this team, and all vacancies left by the class of '96 were filled by competent and enthusiastic athletes. Nothing held this group back individually, as a crew, as a team, physically or emotionally.

This season Coach Kathryn Lucier focused on teaching the girls to achieve their optimum athletic performance by training not only physically, but emotionally as well. Her goal was to train each girl to show a confident, savvy, and relaxed attitude on race day. As the season wore on the girls became much more flexible and relaxed, and so achieved the desired race day confidence.

The girls are what made this a truly great season. Throughout the season, the girls learned to care more for each other, and there was a real sense of crew within each boat, as well as throughout the team. Another advantage to creating the camaraderie on this team was that the eighteen girls who raced in the first race were the same who raced in the last race. Being together from the start allowed the girls to adjust to each other earlier, and trust one another more. These are two vital aspects of any great crew.

Seven dedicated seniors led the team both on and off the water, with wisdom and insight of many years and experiences. From the class of '97 they were: captain Sera Coppelino, Dia Draper, Jenny Carpenter, Liz Greig, Rebecca Schrage, Shana Stump and Hannah Brooks. The members of the upper class were excited, willing to learn, and as the season progressed began taking initiative and responsibility in preparation for next year. The uppers on the team were Liberty Howell, Annie Lux, Melissa Sullivan, Emma Soichet, Caroline Pollak, Katie Smith and Alexis MacDopald. The four lowers of the team, though younger, contributed as much as anyone. Their fresh enthusiasm rekindled the love of the sport even in the hearts of those who have been around it for years. Our rising uppers are Jessica Schoen, Claire Coffey, Sara Lepore,

and Morgan Madera. With so many returning rowers, and great depth in the third and fourth boats, next year should be very fast and successful.

The season had few disappointments, and many highlights, but it began against a tough Kent squad. Kent was a well trained crew, who would prove at the end of May that their speed was no accident. Both of Andover's varsity boats lost to Kent at the beginning of April, and, although they lost again in May, gave Kent a good race. The second boat effectively crushed their competition at Worcestor in April, while the first boat came in a uncomfortable third place. This race bolstered the confidence of the second boat, while putting some doubts in the mind of G1.

After two weeks of hard training and a few adjustments of boat seating, both crews were ready for a tough race against St. Paul's. St. Paul's is an annual powerhouse and a good race against them could put doubt in the minds of other crews throughout New England. Both boats lost to St. Paul's, but the day was a success, because the second boat lost by six seconds and the first boat by only one. This loss proved to be the motivation G1 needed to go out and beat Exeter the next week. The victory over Exeter was the sweetest of the season for the girls in G1, unfortunately, they had no one to share their joy with, as they were the only crew to win on that day.

The final race before Interscholastic Championships was against Northfield Mount Hermon. Despite training through the week's end, both crews won decisive victories over NMH, which strengthened the team's confidence going into the New England Interscholastic Rowing Championships.

Both crews were seeded fourth going into their races at Interschols. The seeding allowed each crew to advance easily into the finals, because each boat had a heat with little competition in it. Both crews raced well in their finals. Both crews took a hard earned, but well deserved third place. The winning crews in each race, Kent (G1) and St. Paul's (G2), were genuinely fast crews, who both had great races.

Overall, the season was a major success. There were victories and disappointments, but throughout it all the girls remained together and positive, which made for an incredible season for all involved in the program.

SPORT: CYCLING
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: WILLIAM GLASS & ASHLEY LANGER
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Derek Williams
ASSISTANT COACHES: Roger Kimball, Henry Wilmer

SEASON RECORD

WON _____ LOST _____ TIED _____

LETTER WINNERS

Cycling - Team
Ballard-Perrin, Kimberly
Glass, William J. (C)
Langer, Ashley A. (C)
Myers, William K.
Okner, Paul
Quinlan, John S.
Sullivan, Hannah B.
Vantzelfde, Nicholas J.

1997 Cycling Team Results

Bishop Hendricken criterium at Ninigret RI--20 April (5 schools)

B's + Women: Tad Hodgson 2nd, Ashley Langer 4, Kim Ballard-Perrin 6,
Nick Smith 7, Hannah Sullivan 12, Tara Soraghan 15 (of 17). **PA 1st.**

A's: Paul Okner 1st, Will Glass 4, Will Myers 5, Nick Vanzelfde 8
(of 12). **PA 1st.**

Gould Academy road race at Bethel ME--27 April (7 schools)

C's: Nick S. 4th (of 10).

B's: Nick V. 4th, Tad 12 (of 15). **PA 3rd**, to Gould & Exeter.

W (w. C's): Ashley 1st, Hannah 2, Kim 4, Tara 5 (of 6). **PA 1st.**

A's: Will G. 3rd, Jack 8, Paul 9, Will M. 10 (of 13).
PA tie for 1st w/ Proctor.

Holderness road race at Waterville Valley NH--30 April (15 schools)

C's: Nick S. 8th (of 31). **PA 8th.**

W's: Ashley 1st, Kim 3, Hannah 6, Tara 10 (of 15) **PA 1st**

A's: Paul 7th, Will G. 11, Jack 19, Will M. 24, Nick V. 35
(of 36). **PA 2nd** to Proctor.

Bishop Hendricken TT + crit at Warwick RI--4 May (6 schools)

B's: Nick V. 1st, Nick S. 3, Tad 4 (of 12). **PA 1st.**

W's: Ashley 1st, Kim 2, Tara 7 (of 11). **PA 1st.**

TT: Paul 1st, Will G. 4, Jack 5, Will M. 8. **PA 1st.**

A's: Paul 3rd, Jack 5, Will G. 6, Will M. 7 (of 13). **PA 1st.**

PA circuit race at Andover--11 May (9 schools)

B's: Nick V. 12th, Nick S. 14, Tad 15 (of 16). **PA 6th.**

W: Hannah 1st, Tara 2, Ashley 3, Kim 6 (of 10). **PA 1st.**

A's: Paul 4th, Will G. 7, Jack Q. 10, Will M. 13 (of 20).
PA 1st.

Proctor points race at Loudon NH--14 May (15 schools)
(delayed, shortened, and finally abandoned, after Ashley wins
first--and final--sprint)

A short but exemplary season! Great job.

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Captains Glass '98 and Langer '98 to Lead Andover Cyclists in '97

by Paul Okner

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The time has come for yet another year of interesting bicycle racing at Phillips Academy. While coaches struggle through sponsorship negotiations with a large European

Telecommunications firm, Andover Cyclists train tirelessly in anticipation of the fast-paced contests this spring. This year's combination of veteran and rookie riders promises to be one of the top teams in New England.

Girls

Heading up the women's team is captain Ashley Langer '98. As one of the league's best riders last year, Langer has the experience and strength to lead her crew through the snow, sand and sleet strewn sidestreets to victory. She is accompanied by members of last year's team, senior Hannah Sullivan and upper Kim Ballard-Perrin.

Keara Watson '98 and Tara Soraghan '99, both newcomers to cycling, have impressed the coaches and riders with their strength and ability.

While many opposing women's teams are rather small, there is no shortage of fast, able riders who will contend with the Andover team. Still, our squad has what it takes to win.

Boys

The 1997 boys' cycling team retains three riders from last season's powerhouse squad. Hailing from Michigan, captain Will Glass '98 leads the team with scorching speed and slick new bike parts.

Senior Jack Quinlan, armed with a brand new shiny blue bike, and upper Paul Okner, riding his yellow and blue piece of art, also return to the team.

Minnesota's own Will Myers '98 has proven to be extremely strong and fast, as has Andover's own Nick

Vantzelfde '97. Three new lowers join the team this year as well—Jay Blitzer, Nick Smith and Tad Hodgson. Despite losing considerable strength last year, opponents of the boy's cycling team still remain powerful and fast.

The Andover team cannot expect easy wins, but victory is likely because of Glass' leadership and the team's determination.

Head coach Derek Williams is rejoined this year by Henry Wilmer, who spent last season on sabbatical. Additional coaching is supplied by Teaching Fellow Roger Kimball, PA '92.

Cyclists Shine

Andover opened its '97 season in style, grabbing the team title in crucial meet against Milton

by Paul Okner

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Sunday, April 20 proved to be a glorious day for the Phillips Academy cycling team. The squad departed early in the morning and reached Ningret, Rhode Island by noon. The flat, barren course was not particularly exciting, but it was an ideal setting for the boys.

As a result of full participation, the girls' varsity and boys' B races were run simultaneously. Tactical moves in the early-going by Captain Ashley Langer '98 fragmented the racers into small groups; among the leaders were Tad Hodgson '99 and Kim Ballard-Perrin '98. Approaching the finish line, a Milton rider made his move and sprinted for first place. Hodgson contended for second place in the thrilling final hundred meters. Said Hodgson, "I saw a flash of green in the corner of my eye, and I knew I had to go faster." That he did, outprinting the opponent by two bike lengths for second place.

The three coaches work tirelessly on coordinating races with colleagues in the morning, but ride their bikes in the afternoons at extremely high speeds. They too anticipate the racing season ahead.

Although last weekend's race at Bishop-Hendricken was canceled, it has been rescheduled for May 4. As always, the May 11 home race is sure to be quick and full of excitement.

This Sunday the team will travel to Ninigret, RI to race against Proctor, Gould, Holderness and several other teams in a competition that should set the tone for the entire cycling season.

Langer and Ballard-Perrin dashed across the finish line neck and neck for first and second place, respectively, assuring an overall Andover win.

The boys' A race was similarly plagued by a shortage of competitors. A scant ten people started the race, and they promptly were divided into smaller packs. Captain Willie Glass '98 and Paul Okner '98 quickly raced out in front with two other competitors. Will Myers '97 and Nick Vantzelfde '97, both experiencing their first race, remained with other competitors behind the lead pack. The lead group lapped the field twice, keeping up a high pace. Unfortunately, while the leaders lapped for the second time Glass was obstructed; he would never be able to get back up front. Fortunately, Okner sprinted to victory and Glass held onto fourth, followed by Myers. Andover went on to win the coveted team title.

Overall, the team demonstrated its excellent strengths in Rhode Island. This weekend, the posse heads to Maine for a tough race on a monstrous, hilly course. Expect to see more positive results as the team exceeds more of their pre-season expectations.

Uppers Okner, Glass Lead PA Cyclers

by Paul Okner
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After two races during the previous week, the Andover cycling team was given ample opportunity to display its strengths. Each of the hilly road courses had plenty of tough climbs to challenge the riders, all of whom were ready for the task.

Last Sunday's race, held in Gould, Maine, confronted the cyclists with one of the biggest hill climbs they had ever encountered. One rider commented, "That was actually bigger than Alpe D'Huez." After the relatively slow and uneventful majority of the race was completed, the riders embarked on their high speed journey up the mountain. Splitting into several small groups, the first of which contained Andover riders Will Glass Paul Okner '98. The pace hastened and at the finish line, Glass had attained a remarkable third place finish, while Jack Quinlan '97 motored up for eighth. The same results were attained by Tad Hodgson '99 and Nick Vantzelfde '97 in the Boys B race.

The girls race, combined once again with the B race ended victoriously for Andover. In a stunning 1-2 finish, Ashley Langer and senior Hannah Sullivan captured the team title with apparent ease.

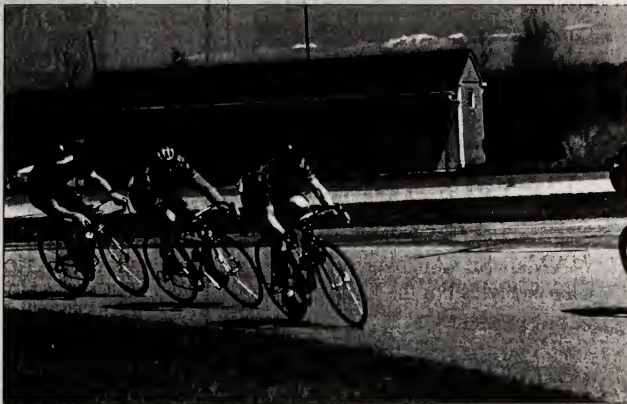
On Wednesday, the team traveled to Holderness for their annual road

race, ending with a two mile climb to the base of Waterville valley. Forming an Andover dominated break-away, the girls team once again annihilated the competition as Langer took first and upper Kim Ballard-Perrin placed third. Close to follow were Sullivan and lower Tara Soraghan.

Opposed by a handful of the region's finest junior riders, there was

some added excitement in the boys race. Another mildly-paced race was concluded in a ferocious battle for the finish line in the last few hundred metres of the final hill. A select group of half a dozen riders worked its way toward the pinnacle, and Okner ended up in sixth. Not far behind was Captain Glass, easily capturing a top ten placing.

While the Andover girls assumed complete control of their competition and reigned victoriously, the boys team continuously fights to get consistent results in the top echelon of competition. Warwick, RI's two stage race is this Sunday, and the ever-exciting Andover home race is only one short week away on May 11. It is certain that the Andover success will continue.



Paul Okner '98 and Captain Will Glass '98 set the pace

Photo / File



Captain Ashley Langer '98 and Kimberly Ballard-Perrin cruise in for a sweeping victory.

Photo / File

Blue Sweeps Warwick Meet

by Paul Okner

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



A stiff breeze and a warm sun bore down on Warwick, Rhode Island last Sunday, creating a perfect environment for Andover's Cycling team to prove once again that it is the strongest team in New England.

In each of the day's four events, the riders, fueled by the fantastic food from the previous night, powerfully squashed their competition in pursuit of victory.

The first race of the morning was a short time trial for the A riders, one lap around the .7 mile course and up a short, steep hill. All times were within a few seconds of each other, and Captain Will Glass '98 ended up fourth, adding to Paul Okner's '98 first place finish for the overall team victory.

Within minutes, the boys B/C race was underway, and Senior Nick Vantzeld set a rapid pace by making

an attack from the front.

Joined by lower teammates Tad Hodgson and Nick Smith as well as two opponents, a lead pack formed and distanced itself from the field. Dissatisfied with the already brisk pace, however, Vantzeld once again attacked, this time alone.

After courageously evading the solo Milton chaser for several laps, Vantzeld slowed and allowed him to catch up, conserving energy for the final few laps.

In a bold move a hundred yards from the finish, the Andover senior dropped the Milton rider for first place. Smith and Hodgson defeated their riding companion for third and fourth places respectively, helping to claim the team title.

The girls race started out slowly as Captain Ashley Langer '98 offered basic riding training to some of the more incompetent opponents.

Fed up with this, though, she took off with several Andover riders and a few competitors to form a break-away group. Even that group eventually split, leaving Langer and fellow upper Kim Ballard-Perrin alone with one Proctor rider.

The three maintained their lead for the remainder of the race, coming in with Andover's second 1-2 finish of the year, Langer taking the victory and

Ballard not far behind.

To finish off the day's events, the boys A race began in the early afternoon. Although the field was rather small, the pace was kept high after Okner's attack early in the race.

Composed of Okner, Glass and three opponents, the group worked together and gained a handsome gap over the remaining riders.

With only three laps remaining, Senior Jack Quinlan was able to chase down the group. The result was decided as the group sprinted toward the finish line.

Okner could only manage third, but Quinlan was next with fifth, nabbing the first place for the team.

The team has trained one final week in preparation for this Sunday's race on Abbott Campus.

Will Myers '98 earned the nickname "Mud man" on Wednesday when he barely avoided a head-on collision with a speeding Ford and careened into a swampy ditch at just shy of forty miles per hour.

Luckily, he, as well as the rest of the Andover squad, looks unharmed and well-prepared for this weekend's championship. With rumors circulating that the Cycling program may be on the chopping block, the Andover riders will be out to prove something Sunday.

The girls' sweep was one of the finest displays of Andover's power. This remarkable race is the third 1-2 finish for the girls this year.

Following soon after was the boys B race, which moved at an unusually high speed. As the pack split, the three Andover riders were unfortunately stranded in the back, unable to place in the top ten.

The boys A race was a different story, though. After only a couple of laps, the peloton was divided when four riders formed a break-away. Paul Okner '98 could not maintain the speed that the three other riders in the group did, and dropped back after six laps.

Keeping a slight lead on the main pack, however, Okner rode with another rider and finished fourth overall.

Upper Captain Will Glass sprinted in with the pack to nab seventh, while Jack Quinlan '97 took tenth. Combined, Andover edged out Proctor by one point for the team title.

The monstrous trophies that now adorn the PA case are evidence of the Cycling Team's strength. Captain Glass commented, "This just goes to show that our program has incredible depth and that it is, quite frankly, the best in New England." As a suitable conclusion to the successful season, the final race proved once again that the Andover squad is number one.

Cyclists Win in Season's Only Home Meet

by Paul Okner
PHILLIPS SPORTS WRITER



Last Sunday, the Cycling team concluded its season victoriously. As the race is traditionally considered to be the most important event of the season, plenty of competitors were on hand at the PA campus for Andover's sole home race. Cheered on by the supportive crowd of spectators, the girls and boys were able to clinch team wins, consistent with the results of the rest of the season.

First for the afternoon was the girls race. The small pack of ten riders was led by Captain Ashley Langer '98 as she maintained a brisk pace up the Phillips Street hill twelve times.

The majority of the pack remained intact until the finish when Senior Hannah Sullivan gained a considerable lead and crossed the finish line first, followed by Tara Soraghan '99 and Langer.

Cyclists Dominate New England

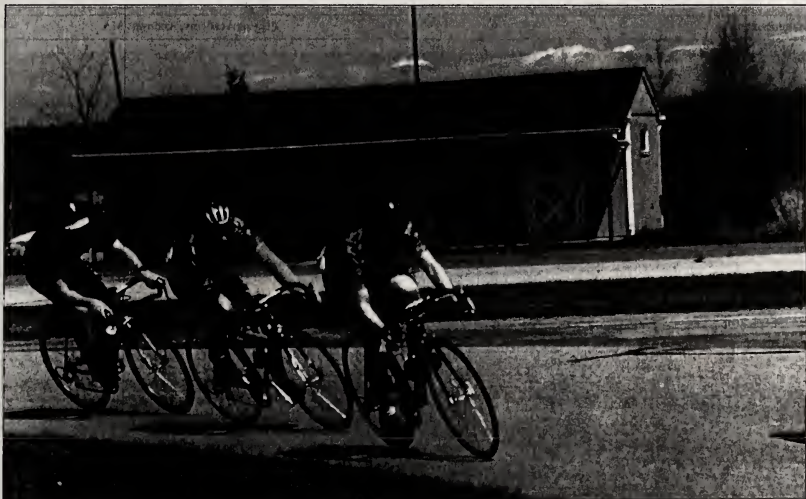


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Andover cyclists raced all across the New England region this season, and came up smelling like roses. Particularly impressive were Uppers Paul Okner and Willie Glass, the latter of whom was the boys' captain. On the girls' side, the team relied on Captain Ashley Langer '98 and Kim Ballard-Perrin '98. That these four are all uppers bodes well for the future; a future that was in doubt because of reductions in the athletic department.

Above, we see Glass and Okner leading the pack in Rhode Island.

SPORT: GOLF
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: NED YETTEN
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: DON BARRY
ASSISTANT COACHES: FRANK HANNAH

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Golf -V
Bloom, Joshua M.
Faulk, Brian D.
Fay, Justin T.
Goldhirsh, Benjamin A.
Gormley, Sean B.
Herbst, Nathaniel B.
Prado-Lacoste, Veronique
Rosenheck, Gregory P.
Shea, James L., Jr.
Tonelli, Michael A.
Yetten, Ned J. (C)

Golf

Wed., April 9	Exeter	home	2-5
Thurs., April 10	Belmont Hill		canceled
Thurs., April 17	Middlesex	away	2-5
Wed., April 23	Milton	away	4-4
Sat., April 26	Holderness	away	5-4
Wed., April 30	St. Mark's	away	
Sat., May 3	Deerfield	away	canceled
Wed., May 7	Thayer	away	2.5-5.5
Wed., May 14	Rivers	home	3-9
Sat., May 17	Exeter/GDA	away	
Tues., May 20	St. John's	away	280-246
Sat., May 24	GDA/Exeter	away	279-327-244

Golf's Last Season

Players Vow To Send the Program Off With a Winning Season

by Max Ventilla and Jamie Cowan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Exeter	5
Andover	2



This Wednesday, the Andover Golf Team traveled to Far Corners Golf Course outside of Andover, where they took on a highly ranked

Exeter team. Unfortunately the young Andover team suffered a five to two defeat. Under adverse conditions and without their number one player, Ned Yetten '98 (A New England ranked golfer), the guys and gals came out strong, losing three of their five matches by very close margins.

Both teams played only nine holes as a result of awful conditions, near freezing temperatures and wind gusts around 30 miles per hour. Golfers on both teams found the conditions of the green very hard to read, and scores were unilaterally inflated.

In their first effort of the season with less than a week of practice, Andover came out psyched after an inspiring speech from Coach Barry. Assistant Coach Hannah labeled the day's proceedings a "good outing for the first match of the year" and was enthusiastic about the teams prospects for the upcoming season.

The team's lineup consists almost entirely of male underclassmen, with the exception of senior #2 Jason Cunningham '97 and female #4 Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98. Without #1 Ned Yetten '98, the entire team played up

one spot. Cunningham played number one, followed by Brian Faulk '00, Prado-Lacoste, Ben Goldhirsh '99, Nate Herbst '00, Sean Gormley '98, and Greg Rosenheck '99.

Cunningham beat his opponent with a score of 43 and Veronique contributed the other win with a score of 47, overcoming any doubts about the place of a girl in the male-dominated world of high school golf. Veronique hails from a renowned golfing family, her mother being a past Golf U.S. Open champion.

In the top four, Brian Faulk lost a crushing one stroke match to one of the better players in New England. Ben Goldhirsh played a less than golden 9 holes finishing with a "few more than a couple over par".

It should be said in favor of Ben that despite his inferior clubs he hit an excellent shot out of a strategically placed snow trap on the seventh hole. Ben also undeniably intimidated the Exeter team with his threats and tough guy golfing techniques. Herbst, Gormley, and Rosenheck, all played decent matches in losing to some tough Exeter opponents.

All in all, it was a respectable match for the Andover squad that was expected to get blownout by a superior Exeter Team. While the Blue's undefeated run has been most unceremoniously cut short, with a young team, the coaches and players are pleased with the day's results and have high expectations for the remainder of the season.

Andover is looking to bounce back against a weak Belmont Hill squad in their second match on Thursday, April 10.

Golf Slides to 0-2-1

by Max Ventilla and Jamie Cowan

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Middlesex	5
Andover	2
Andover	4
Milton	4



The golf team finished this week at 0-2-1, earning a tie with Milton after a disappointing loss to Middlesex last Thursday. Winless thus far, the golf team is determined to continue their turnaround and beat Holderness on Saturday.

Andover traveled to nearby Concord Country Club to take on Middlesex this past Thursday. The team suffered a 5-2 loss, as two one point matches went the wrong way for the Blue. Second seeded Jason Cunningham '97 won his second match with a great comeback performance on the last three holes. Team leader Ned Yetten '98 lost a heartbreaking 9th hole to a, quite frankly, frightening boy. Yetten, who was so unfairly robbed of victory for only his second time at Andover, vowed not to lose again on Wednesday saying, "I'm gonna start messing things up." Third seeded Brian Faulk '00 and fourth seeded Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98, the lat-

ter of whom was again the only girl on the green, both lost close matches. Jim Shea '99 did not play his best round, but seventh seeded Sean Gormley '98 salvaged some team dignity, winning with a 47, a remarkable 17 shot improvement on his previous performance. Finally, last but not never least, came #5 Ben Goldhirsh '97. Four shots down on the sixth hole, Ben turned to his opponent, a boy so unclutch he couldn't even finish his dinner, and watched him three put from ten feet out. Ben coolly remarked, "Hey boy...I've got your mind in my pocket". The two went on to battle it out until the ninth hole where, after his first shot, Ben strutted down the green with the confidence of Palmer on the eighteenth at Saint Andrews, only to have his dreams shattered when the kid hit an unbelievable birdie from fifteen feet out.

"I didn't win...I dominated" said Goldhirsh after redeeming himself with a victory against Milton. In fact, both Goldhirsh and Yetten, who said "I lit it up with a 34", fulfilled their vows to win, helping the Blue end its two game losing streak with a tie against Milton. The 9 holes were on the Presidential course and the green and weather was decent. The day was a day of ties for the team, as demonstrated by both #5 Jim Shea and #6 Justin Fay '99, the latter of whom

scored half a point for his team with a ten foot clutch shot on the ninth hole. #2 Jason Cunningham and #3 Brian Faulk both lost with scores of 39 and 40 respectively. Veronique offset a loss by #8 Gormley. #7 Ben Goldhirsh came off of a two day Passover vacation from golf to "play out of his mind." "I was in the zone...en fuego," Goldhirsh said. Goldhirsh turned to his opponent, who needed to go up and down to beat him on the ninth hole, and said "God couldn't go up and down from there." Needless to say neither could this opponent, and Ben won his first match of the year.

The Blue will look to turn the season around with a victory against Holderness in an upcoming match-up

Golf Struggles to Break out of Slump; Record Falls to 1-7-1

by Max Ventilla and Jamie Cowan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Golf finished this week with a record of 1-7-1, following losses to Rivers, Exeter and St John's. In Coach Barry's opinion the team is in a prolonged slump from which it will be difficult to emerge. For a young team that still has not quite coalesced, the last chance at redemption comes this Saturday. Andover will play its final match of the season against an Exeter squad that already proved itself superior on Monday of this week.

Rivers

A 1-5-2 loss to Rivers last Wednesday was the Blue's best performance in their last three matches. #2 Brian Faulk '00 scored the teams only win with a 41. #5 Jim Shea '99 and #6 Michael A. Tonelli '00, the latter of whom looked good for a win before hitting it in the water on the 9th, both tied their opponents with scores of 44 and 47 respectively. #1 Ned Yetten '98 lost by 2 despite a great score of 36 on the course. Yetten's opponent played the game of his life to beat Yetten six holes to three. #3 Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98 lost with a 49, playing well below the high level of play that she has been accustomed to all-year. #4 Ben Goldhirsh '99 lost by one on the ninth hole to lose 43 to 42. After winning the first two holes, the momentum shifted and his opponent took 4 of the next six holes to put the heat on Ben on the ninth hole. After parring Goldhirsh unfortunately turned to see his opponent birdie the ninth. Suffice to say that Ben was crushed. #7 Greg Rosenheck '99 lost

47-43 and #8 Nate Herbst '99 lost in 5 with a score of 52.

Exeter

On Saturday Andover played Exeter, one of the top three teams in the state, at Portsmouth, NH. Andover played mediocre at best and was demolished individually and as a team in a match that Sean Gormley '98 called a "waste of four hours". In match play, Exeter players won all 7 matches of 18 holes, after being up 5 matches to two after the first nine holes. Exeter's average of 78 was significantly below Andover's average, easily giving them the medley play victory over Governor Dummer and Andover. Yetten, who shot an 82, played his last twelve holes brilliantly according to Coach Barry, after having trouble with his drives on the first six holes. #2 Brian Faulk, who continues to perform at a high level each week, lost by the narrowest of margins to an opponent who shot an amazing 74. There is not much to be said for the rest of the team who were driven into the ground by a superlative Exeter squad.

St. John's

On Monday this week Andover travelled to St. John's home green and got blown out 246 to 280. St John's prep is a very strong contender for the Massachusetts state title and the Andover team was fighting a losing battle all match. #2 Brian Faulk played one of his best matches of the year, leading throughout the front nine until bogies on the last two holes sent his score down; he ended with a 40.

As the season comes to a closes, Coach Barry is working on a fight song and vows that the Blue will come back against Exeter this Saturday.

Faulk '00 leads PA to First Win

by Max Ventilla and Jamie Cowan

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PA Golf came out of this week with a record 1-4-1. Over the past two weeks the Blue has suffered losses to St Mark's and Thayer, tied Milton, and defeated

Holderness.

On Saturday, April 26th, Andover traveled to Holderness to pick up their first win of the season with a clutch 5-4 victory under an unorthodox Holderness scoring system. Team leaders, Ned Yetten '98 and Jason Cunningham '97 were absent from the match and the six person lineup was as follows: at #1 Brian Faulk '00, #2 Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98, #3 Jimbo Shea '99, #4 Ben Goldhirsh '99, #5 Greg Rosenheck '99, #6 Sean Gormley '98.

Faulk beat his opponent by one, lying up to the #1 spot and shooting a 37 over nine holes. Veronique lost to her opponent but she contributed to the win for the one and two seed.

Andover took on a superior St. Mark's team on Wednesday, April 30th, losing by one hole despite the return of Yetten and Cunningham. Yetten tied with a 35, a score that was inflated by mediocre putting on poor greens at the St. Mark's home course. Jason lost with a 47. The two wins on Wednesday were contributed by Prado-Lacoste and Ben Goldhirsh, each victorious in their respective co-ed matches.

Veronique soundly beat her adversary with a 43, bringing her record to 3-2 so far this season. Finally, Ben won a tight match on the ninth hole, having tied it up on the 8th. After a great drive by his female foe, Ben, with ice running through his veins, pulled out the 6 iron and knocked it stiff from 160 yards out to set up the opportunity for the win.

Following the win, Andover lost to a impressive Thayer team 2.5 to 5.5 in a match that was plagued by disputes about the rules. Coach Barry was pleased with the teams efforts and especially happy about Yetten and Faulk's wins against tough #1 and #2 Thayer players.

Though she lost on Wednesday, Prado-Lacoste must be congratulated for winning the independent school New England Title.

Golf Endures Dismal Season

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The words of Ben Goldhirsh convey the tenor of the golf team's 1997 season: "The season just wasn't long enough. We were just beginning to get off the ground."

Golf finished this season 2-8-1, losing their finale against Exeter. #2 Brian Faulk '00 got the best of his opponent at Exeter, with a 39, tying for the lowest overall match score.

The rest of the golf team had less success against their rivals.

Andover beat Holderness earlier in the season and won against Governor Dummer in its last dual match against Exeter. Besides a tie against Milton in its second match, these were the only bright spots in an otherwise dismal season. Weather caused two of the Blue's matches to be cancelled, including one against Deerfield on May 3rd that was snowed out. The departure of Jason Cunningham '97 from the team and the injury of Justin Fay '99 may have contributed to the downturn that the team experienced during the second half of their season.

In their first six matches Andover lost a few close ones. It came down to the last hole at St. Mark's on April 30th. During Andover's first match versus Exeter, three of the five individual losses were marked by exceptionally close scores. At 1-1-1 Andover was optimistic about finishing the season strong but their hopes were destroyed with crushing defeats

by Rivers, St. Mark's and Exeter towards the end of the season.

Ned Yetten '98 was the team's lowest scorer followed by freshman phenom #2 Brian Faulk, who had the team's best individual record with six wins, four losses, and one tie. #4 Ben Goldhirsh '99 finished at about .500. #3 Veronique Prado-Lacoste '98, who started the season very strong, won the independent school New England Girl's Golfing Title but her performance declined during her last four matches. The lineup changed a lot during the season, with the retirement of #2 Jason Cunningham '97 and the competition that took place over the last three spots that would play each week's match.

Neither #5 Jim Shea '99, #6 Michael Tonelli '00, #7 Greg Rosenheck '99, #8 Nate Herbst '99, nor #9 Sean Gormley '98 had winning seasons but each showed flashes of promise during their matches.

Although the golf team didn't enjoy enormous success this season, the

team's members did produce some memorable moments. At St. John's, Sean Gormley was embarrassed when he whacked Greg Rosenheck in the head with a ball that he hit off of a tree. Also, Ben Goldhirsh was asked to stop hitting on his female opponent early in the season and lost a memorable match to his Exeter rival on the final hole of the front nine, despite a self inflicted groin injury that the Exie sustained while putting for the match on a ninth hole. The golf team witnessed a fifty foot putt and an incredible eagle from opposing squads and had a few clutch shots of its own.

Coach Barry acknowledged the golf team's sub-par season but noted that "we are a young team, who played hard all season and we won't lose any players from this year. We'll be much better next year." For all you fans and skeptics, we are pleased to say that the golf program will thankfully continue at this school and the future looks bright for the Big Blue.

SPORT: Boys Varsity Lacrosse

YEAR: 1997

CAPTAIN: John Boynton
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Jennie Cohen, Lindsay Hoopes
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Mike McCleery
ASSISTANT COACHES: Bramer

SEASON RECORD

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Lacrosse -BV

Berard, Greg W.
Boynton, John S., Jr (C)
Brodie, Ethan H.
Chisholm, Joseph P.
Constantine, David N.
Coughlin, M. H.
Cowan, James F.
Doyle, Ethan E.
Fleming, Liam J. M.
Heilmann, Niels H.
Hilley, Brendan S.
Hoopes, Lindsay B. (M)
Hsu, Douglas J.
Knowles, James B., III

Lee, Christopher G.
Moore, Alexander H.
O'Brien, Kyle G.
Okike, Kanu M.
Park, Benjamin D.
Salisbury, Peter B.
Sinex, Jonathan E.
Smithwick, James W.
Tarantino, John S.
Tracy, Timothy H.
Warrington, Christian W.
Wing, David W.

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HEIGHT

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POSITION

Berard, Greg

98

Goalie

Boynton, John

97

Midfield

Brodie, Ethan

99

Attack

Christolm, J.P.

99

Defense

Constantine, David

97

Defense

Coughlin, Halsey

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Midfield

Cowan, Jaime

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Doyle, Ethan

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DATE OF CONTEST: 4/9/97

OPPONENT: N. M. H

WHERE PLAYED: N. M. H

RESULT: Andover - 6
N. M. H - 3

Goals - Wing (2)
Heilman (1)
Boynnton (2)
Salisbury (1)

Assists - Heilman (2)
Salisbury (1)
Knowles (1)
Tracy (1)

Despite NMH Loss, Boys' Lax Season Looks Bright

by Chris Kane and Tanner Zucker
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

NMH	10
Andover	8



The Andover boys' varsity lacrosse team opened up their 1997 season with a disappointing 10-8

loss at the hands of a fairly weak NMH team. Andover, playing for only the second time outdoors, was naturally rusty and not yet in peak form. Poor weather conditions and the cancellation of a pre-season scrimmage versus Bridgeton have hindered pre-season progress. Characteristic of first game play, PA hit the field with excitement and eagerness. This intensity led to flashes of brilliance which several times resulted in goals. Though the squad played hard and is amply talented, the Northfield boys were able to triumph as a result of Andover's mental lapses and an inordinate number of Andover penalties.

In the first minutes of the game, NMH jumped out to a 2-0 lead, dominating the seemingly overanxious PA



Above, Senior Leader Niels Heilmann #26, takes a shot past two NMH defenders.

Moments later, Captain John Boynton '97 puts a move on a witless defenseman.

Photo / M. Kuta



squad. The Blue were able to settle down, and quickly began controlling the flow of the game. Dave Wing '98 was the first to strike, putting PA on the scoreboard with a crucial goal. He is expected to step up, as he did today, all season long.

The hopes of the Andover team were quickly replenished by Wing's feat, causing a shift in momentum which led to another PA goal. This one came on a tip-in by Niels Heilmann '97 on a shot from Peter Salisbury '99. Andover continued to play hard, maintaining their intensity for the rest of the half, and entered halftime with a 5-3 lead.

The Andover squad came out flat in the second half, allowing NMH to steal the momentum. The defense lost its initial intensity, allowing attackmen and middies to penetrate the crease area. Left unguarded, the Hoggers were able to create many scoring

opportunities, four of which were capitalized upon.

Down 7-5, Andover knew that they had to step up their play, and responded adeptly, narrowing the gap with three goals to Northfield's two, making the score 9-8, NMH. Knowing another goal was necessary to tie the game, Andover reacted over-anxiously and was unable to capitalize on many precious opportunities. NMH on the other hand was able to tally up one more goal with three minutes remaining, demoralizing the Big Blue, and crushing any remaining hopes.

Despite the loss, Andover's first competition left them showing definite potential which will be harnessed through further outdoor practices and more time together as a team. Andover looks to rebound from this loss and hopes to regroup for its match against Harvard JV this Friday.

The team shows much promise, and as the season progresses is likely to continue improving. They will be an interesting team to watch as they mature throughout the spring.

Boys' Lacrosse Falls to 0-2 Against Powerhouse Bridgton

4/15

by Chris Kane and Tanner Zucker
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Bridgton	19
Andover	3



This week the boys in blue faced a bigger, stronger, and far superior Bridgton squad. Bridgton Academy, an all-postgraduate school,

brought a team which included six All-Americans and an array of other talented players. This game, amongst the toughest on Andover's schedule, turned out to be more of a learning experience than an athletic competition for the less experienced

Andover boys. Though now 0-2, the Blue has already seen the best competition which it is likely to face, and looks to rebound in the upcoming weeks.

The Blue knew coming into the game that this match against the heralded Bridgton squad would be a tough one, and that it would demand top performance from each and every team member. The team came out strong and, winning the face off, quickly netted a goal as Captain Johnny Boynton '97 fed Pete Salisbury '99 up top for a shot. Bridgton responded two minutes later with a tally of its own. Andover stayed tough and five minutes into the game, scored again, this time thanks to

James Knowles '97. This however would be the end to Andover's offense for the first quarter. Bridgton was able to score twice more in the first period, taking a 3-2 lead.

In the second quarter Bridgton seemingly could do no wrong. They dominated the blue in all facets of the game. They held Andover scoreless and scored nine goals of their own to take a 12-2 half-time lead.

After half-time Andover hoped to regroup and regain its composure but the merciless Bridgton squad continued to bear down, scoring another five goals in the quarter. At the end of the third Andover knew it would need to dig deep to stop the bleeding. They were able to provide Bridgton with a little bit more competition, and played

very evenly throughout the last quarter. Unfortunately, the game was already well beyond their grasp. The team's solid play did result in the team's third and final goal of the day, a well placed shot to the upper corner of the net from Boynton.

These past two weeks have been very difficult for the Blue squad. The team has faced two very tough opponents, NMH and Bridgton, after very little outdoor practice. This week Andover will face public school powerhouse Lincoln-Sudbury Saturday night under the lights in Lincoln. Andover must go to Lincoln Saturday and come away with a win if they plan to get back on track, or they may face the disturbing possibility of a sub-par season.



Chris Warrington '97 maneuvers around a defenseman in an effort to chip away at Bridgton's commanding lead.

Photo / M. Prah

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/23/97

OPPONENT: Holderness

WHERE PLAYED: Holderness

RESULT:

Andover - 12

Holderness - 8

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wing	3	
Warrington	2	
Heilman	4	
Boynston	3	1
Tracy		2
Sinex		1
Salisbury		2
Orke		2
Constantine		1

Lax Earns First Win

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Andover	13
Holderness	8



The Blue logged their first win of the season on Wednesday, overthrowing Holderness by a convincing margin.

This was a much needed victory for the previously winless squad. Despite a shakeup in the midfield lines, Andover was well-tuned after two tough losses to NMH and Bridgton Academy and dominated Holderness throughout most of the game; however, because of a letdown in the third quarter were forced to pull out the win in the fourth. Andover will look to continue its success with a vic-

tory this Saturday against Deerfield.

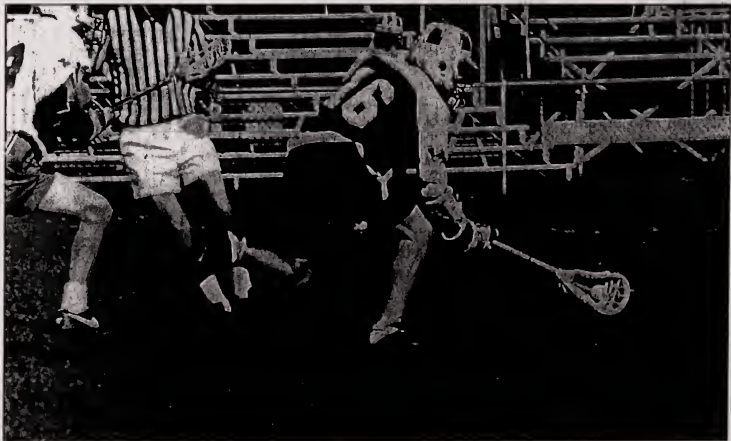
Andover entered the game primed and ready to take on Holderness. The squad netted the first goal on a strike from Captain Johnny Boynton '97. Without giving Holderness a chance to return fire, Dave Wing '98 put the Blue up one more, making it 2-0. Andover kept up the pressure and dominated the first half, finishing with a 7-4 lead. The Blue came back in the third, holding their lead tightly, playing ball control offense and receiving superb play from their defensive trio of Kanu Okike '97, Kyle O'Brien '98, and J.P. Chisholm '99. Andover expected to cruise to victory when the fourth quarter came around.

With their first victory just minutes away, the Blue were awakened from their daydream by two quick Holderness goals tying the score at 8-8. The Andover squad was reeling and needed someone to step up. PA found that

leadership in Chris Warrington '97, who contributed by scoring two quick goals for the Blue. After surviving that scare, Andover regained its composure and settled back down, scoring three more goals in the game to finish with a score of 13-8.

Defensive play was key in this victory, as was the goaltending of Ben Park '98. Defensemen Okike and O'Brien also contributed on the offensive end, collecting crucial assists. The leading scorers were Niels Heilmann '97 with four goals, Boynton and Wing with three, and Warrington with two key goals.

Andover must not only repeat this performance, but also step it up a notch or two for this Saturday's battle with Deerfield. Eager to avenge last year's utter humiliation at Deerfield, the Blue will defend their home field with not only victory, but pride on their mind.



Captain Johnny Boynton '97 scoops up the ball with a Holderness defender bearing down.

Photo / File

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/26/97

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover - 11
Deerfield - 9

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wing	2	1
Warrington	2	1
Heilman	1	
Boynston	3	
Tracy	2	
Knowles		2
Salisbury	1	

Lax Gets Past Tough Deerfield Squad in Comeback Thriller

Tracy '97, Wing '98 Catalysts in Late Game Comeback; Boys Back on Track

by Chris Kane and Tanner Zucker
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Andover	11
Deerfield	9



This past Saturday night, under the lights, the Andover boys varsity lacrosse team faced a tough Deerfield Academy squad.

This was an extremely important game for Andover, who needed a win to bring its record back to .500, and to avenge last season's drubbing at the hands of the Big Green.

The fans came out in droves Saturday night to see this battle and were rewarded with a 11-9 PA comeback victory. This win brings the Blue's record to 2-2, and extends their unbeaten streak to two.

Andover fell behind quickly in the first quarter, 2-0. Memories of previous routs at the hands of Deerfield seemed to be resurfacing. The crowd watched hopelessly as the Blue were outplayed both defensively and offensively.

Goals from Chris Warrington '97, Dave Wing '98, and captain Johnny Boynton '97, kept Deerfield's lead in check, but the game seemed to be out of the Blue's control.

Andover went into the half down 6-3 with things looking grim, and with a feeling of urgency that something had to be done soon or else it was going to be another notch in the loss column.

Andover came out in the second half needing an incredible performance from all, but Deerfield instead struck first, increasing their lead to 7-3. Things looked dismal and Andover was in a definite offensive funk. Then all of a sudden the Blue exploded.

Tim Tracy '97 was the catalyst, netting a goal in PA's favor, and making it a 7-4 game. Andover scored three more and suddenly found themselves only trailing 8-7.

They quickly tied it at 8-8, but Deerfield bounced right back, making it 9-8. Tracy tied it at 9-9 with his second goal of the night, and then Boynton broke the tie with a goal which deflected off the DA keeper. Wing scored again late in the contest, bringing the final score to a close 11-9.

This was an exceptional performance for the Blue, and one of the best victories in Andover lacrosse history.

Not only was this a key win in terms of the course of their season, but also a successful revenge of last season's embarrassing loss.

This win was necessary if Andover had any hopes of a truly successful season.

Yesterday, Andover faced Newton North, the two-time defending state champs. Unfortunately, the match was too late to be reported in this issue.

The squad will face perennial prep school rival Loomis- Chaffee on Saturday. The matchup will be a strong indicator of how the team will fare for the rest of the season. If the Blue can build off the momentum of this immense victory against Deerfield, they will be on their way to success.

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/1/97

OPPONENT: Newton North

WHERE PLAYED: Newton North

RESULT: Andover - 6
Newton North - 13

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
wing	1	
Warrington		1
Heilman	1	1
Boynston	3	
Salisbury		2
Fleming	1	



Captain Johnny Boynton '97 blows by a Milton defender.

Photo / M. Prah

Boys' Lax Hovers at .500 After Splitting Contests With Newton North and Milton

by Chris Kane and Tanner Zucker
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The Andover boys' lacrosse team entered this week, hoping to capitalize on the momentum

In the second quarter Captain Johnny Boynton '97 opened the scoring with two goals. Liam Fleming added a third but Newton tallied four in the quarter and took a 4-3 half-time lead. In the second half, Andover's defense fell apart allowing six goals to fall behind 10-4. This lead was simply insur-

few games. The final goal was scored by Boynton, his third of the day, which put PA up two and sealed the victory for the Big Blue.

Andover had a glass is half full/half empty week. This could have been the week which put them on the path towards a very successful season



DATE OF CONTEST: 5/7/97

OPPONENT: Milton

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT: Andover - 11

Milton - 10

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wing	2	
Warrington	1	1
Heilman	2	1
Boynston	2	
Tracy	1	1
Knowles	3	2
Chisholm		1

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/10/97

OPPONENT: Concord - Carlisle

WHERE PLAYED: Concord - Carlisle

RESULT:

Andover - 10

Concord - Carlisle - 11

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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3	1	2	4

Player

Goals

Assists

Warrington

4

Neilman

1

2

Tracy

3

1

Salisbury

2

1

Lax Falters, Falls to 3-6 After Thr

by Chris Kane and Tanner Zucker
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Concord-Carlisle	11
Andover	10
Loomis-Chaffee	7
Andover	3
St. Paul's	7
Andover	4



The Blue played three away games this week, with matches at Concord-Carlisle, St. Paul's, and Loomis-Chaffee. Unfortunately

however, the Blue did not shine on the road, and though some may say that it's the fault of the rickety yellow buses they've been touring in, it has been reported that they are simply in the midst of a slump after dropping all three of this week's games.

The Blue now stands at 3-6, well below the .500 average that they earned just less than a week ago with an exceptional win against Milton.

Their plunge began last Saturday with what was probably their most competitive game of the week. They faced off against Concord-Carlisle, a top Massachusetts public school team, and left the field after a hard-fought 11-10 loss. Andover started the game with a goal from Chris Warrington '97, two and a half minutes in. Neils Heilmann '97 then scored the second goal for PA less than a minute later, before allowing Concord to strike back. Andover gave up a shorthanded goal, then two more at full strength, before Tim Tracy tied the game at 3-3 with seventeen seconds left in the first quarter.

The intensity of the game continued to rise in the second quarter, as Pete Salisbury '99 netted a goal, followed by another from Warrington, making the score 5-2, Andover. Con-

cord-Carlisle displayed on Saturday why they are one of the top teams in Massachusetts with their incredible five goal run in the fourth quarter. Though Concord is a tough team, the outcome of this game can only spark the questioning of what happened to the Andover Squad. With the incredible performances of Heilmann, Salisbury, and Warrington on offense, and the Blue's exceptionally talented mid and defensive lineups, a loss like this comes as quite a surprise.

Andover did prove however, though the outcome of this game baffled players coaches and fans alike, that their intensity was not to be questioned. Perhaps the most eventful part of the game occurred after the final whistle had been blown. A scuffle which took place during the traditional post-game hand shaking led to the trouncing of a Concord-Carlisle player by three of PA's team members. To others that know them, or have seen them around campus, we know that you won't disagree with our opinion that an altercation with one of them, never mind all three, would best be described as apocalyptic.

Just two days after their heated Concord Carlisle battle, Andover squeezed back into the green vinyl seats of their yellow Hearse, and head-

ed to Holy Cross College in scenic Worcester. They were quickly greeted by a tough Loomis squad, and found themselves down 3-0 after the first half. Not accustomed to playing on turf, the Blue was a bit stunned, but, seven minutes into the third quarter, James Knowles '97 broke the ice for them, ripping a shot past the Loomis goaltender.

Loomis had definitely not decided to let up, and returned with two more goals. Down 5-1, Andover had to make an exceptional recovery. Senior Captain Johnny Boynton assumed the leadership position and attempted to bridge the gap, setting the score board to 5-2 with a rocket into the back of the net. Boynton continued to charge, and succeeded once more in putting the ball in the Loomis goal, this time on a pass from Ethan Doyle '97.

Loomis proved to be more than the Blue could handle, and with another two goals, went on to win 3-7. Andover, once again disappointed, frustrated, and even puzzled by their defeat, were left with a hard-fought game, and nothing to show for it.

To wrap up their road trip, the Blue journeyed to the lush woodlands of Concord, New Hampshire to face St Paul's. The Blue came out charged up, looking to finish the road trip at 1-2.

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/12/97

OPPONENT: Loomis

WHERE PLAYED: Holy Cross

RESULT:

Andover - 3

Loomis - 7

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Boynston	2	
Doyle		1
Knowles	1	

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/14/97

OPPONENT: St. Paul's

WHERE PLAYED: St. Paul's

RESULT:

Andover - 4

St. Paul's - 7

1st

1

0

2nd

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3rd

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Goals

1

Hilley

Heilman

Boynston

Doyle

2

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Assists

2

1

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/17/97

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULT:

Andover - 11
Tabor - 6

1st
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2

2nd
2
1

3rd
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4th
5
3

	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Hilley	4	
Warrington	1	1
Heilman	2	
Boynston	1	2
Trary		2
Salisbury	2	
Knowles	1	1



J. P. Chisolm '99 scoops up the ball
initiating an Andover fast break.

Photo / M. Prah

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/21/97

OPPONENT: Pinkerton

WHERE PLAYED: Pinkerton

RESULT:

Andover - 7

Pinkerton - 15

1st

2

5

2nd

2

2

3rd

2

3

4th

1

5

Goals

Warrington

2

Fleming

Tracy

2

Salisbury

Knowles

3

Assists

1

1

2

DATE OF CONTEST: 5/24/97

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULT:

Andover - 11

Exeter - 7

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	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Hilleary	4	1
Warrington		1
Brodie	1	
Baynton	3	
Sinex		2
Salisbury		1
Knowles	3	1
Okilpe		1

Kyle O'Brien '98

"No matter what... Kyle decides to pursue in life, his intensity, perseverance, and character will surely earn him the admiration of his peers."

By Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Kyle O'Brien '98 is the essence of the archetypal Phillips Academy student-athlete. A three year member of the varsity lacrosse squad, Kyle brings intensity and experience with him every time he takes the field. Although the '97 season has so far frustrated the boys' lacrosse team, Kyle's leadership on defense has been a constant, while his advice has helped the young team to mature. During the past week, he has played excellently; protecting the PA goal and shutting down opposing forwards. Kyle's perpetual guidance and talent has earned him the honor of Athlete of the Week.

O'Brien was born at the University of Virginia hospital, but soon moved to New York City. Kyle began his schooling at St. David's in Manhattan. After four years of commuting to school with his father, who worked nearby, O'Brien moved to Garden City, Long Island. While attending Garden City Middle School, Kyle got his first taste of competitive lacrosse.

During his third grade year, Kyle's mother forced him to register for the local town league. "My mom literally dragged me kicking and screaming to sign up for a team," joked Kyle, "and afterwards I wouldn't talk to her for two days." Garden City is famous for its production of premier lacrosse players and "most kids are born with a stick in their hand," quipped Kyle. At first he was frustrated because the other players had far more experience and more developed skills. After sitting out the first three games, Kyle decided that he didn't like watching the games from the bench and worked hard to get into the games. His perseverance and determination paid off as he started to improve immensely. "I worked my butt off to make sure I played," said O'Brien. Kyle stayed with the team until sixth grade when he joined the Garden City Junior High team. After his junior high seasons, Kyle enrolled at Garden City High School where he continued to play lacrosse.

Although life seemed to be going very well, O'Brien was starting to get fed up with Garden City. At the high school, Kyle had experiences with teachers who sought to mix academics

and athletics. One faculty member actually wanted him to quit football in order to receive a good grade. During this difficult year for Kyle, another crisis occurred: his brother Conor needed brain surgery. The family traveled to Boston to meet the doctor who would perform the operation at Children's Hospital. Despite the unfortunate circumstances, this trip turned out to be a



Photo /B. Park

hessing in disguise. Stephen O'Brien, Kyle's father, invited his son to visit an old college friend, Lou Bernieri, at Phillips Academy. When Kyle agreed to go along, he had no idea what he was getting into. However, he soon discovered an interview and a tour were waiting for him upon arrival. At first O'Brien was a little miffed because he felt set up, but after a little while he came to the realization that this school was the perfect opportunity to get a break from Garden City. With the full support of his mother and father, Kyle applied to PA and was shortly accepted.

The transition from Garden City to Andover was rough initially, but Kyle quickly adapted to a new style of life. "The first week was horrible...I had to come early for football tryouts, and nobody was in the dorm," commented O'Brien. While Andover academics were overwhelming for the first few weeks, Kyle's teachers and dormmates helped him get through the first term. The switch to PA athletics went very well as O'Brien made both the varsity football and lacrosse teams in his junior year. On the latter team, Kyle slipped right into a starting spot on defense. Although he had played mid-field all his life, O'Brien made the switch to defense because of a lack of players at that position.

For his lower year, Kyle moved within the cluster from Rockwell to

Tucker House. Under the guidance of Coach and House Councillor Leon Modeste, Kyle began to improve his academics, while excelling at athletics. O'Brien's roommate, Tony Dent '98, was key in his attempt to focus on work. "Tony was always there to help me... he has been really supportive and a great friend," remarked Kyle. He enjoyed a prosperous year as the foot-

ball team went undefeated and the lacrosse squad fared well. Although upper year is arguably the hardest of all four at Andover, Kyle's new roommate Nnamdi Okike '98 really helped him to study and work hard. "Nnamdi is one of the funniest kids you'll ever meet, but he knows how to get down to business...he's really taught me how to get my work done," said Kyle. Although football and lacrosse have had rebuilding years, Kyle has steadily improved in both sports. Looking forward to next year,

O'Brien expects the lacrosse team to be very competitive. A lot of young players will be returning and hopefully they will add some post-graduates to round out the roster.

Looking back on all the success he has had at Andover, Kyle is quick to give credit to his family. Without their support and encouragement, he might not be the student-athlete he is today. O'Brien especially lauds his father, who was always there for him. "My dad always wanted to play with me," commented Kyle. According to O'Brien, his father is his best friend by far, always ready to help him out. A quarterback at Harvard, Kyle's father, Stephen, knows what he's talking about when he gives his son advice.

As far as the future goes, colleges have already started to contact O'Brien. Schools such as Virginia, Navy, Penn, and Dartmouth have contacted Kyle about playing lacrosse.

He has also received letters from Boston College, Princeton, and Harvard about continuing football at the next level. At this point, Kyle is trying to keep his options open. Although he would like to go to a school with a solid program in each sport, O'Brien is not sure what the future holds.

No matter what course, athletic or otherwise, that Kyle decides to pursue in life, his intensity, perseverance, and character will surely earn him the admiration of his peers.

Off Year for Lacrosse

Uppers Wing and O'Brien expected to lead next year's team

by Chris Kane
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



This season saw many new faces on the field for the Andover boys' lacrosse team. With only seven players returning, there were many questions about how the season would play itself

out. On paper the squad was abundantly talented, and all the necessary components seemed to be in place with the exception of an outstanding goalie. A major concern coming into the season was how the team would mesh together as a unit and how new head-coach McCleery would manage this eclectic mix. Not surprisingly, the team stumbled out of the gates and dropped its first two games of the season. After that the team managed to play .500 ball, winning five of their last ten games and finishing at a respectable 5-7.

Andover's first game of the season came against the ever-tough NMH squad. The team played energetically, physically, and with a lot of heart despite the lack of early-season outdoor practices, but the Blue simply was not yet in game form. The game was only their second time playing outdoors, but the Blue still hung remarkably tough, playing aggressive defense and using brute force to power the ball into the NMH net. Andover, however, did not have quite enough to pull out the win, despite a valiant fourth quarter comeback. This was the first game in what was to be a very long and emotionally draining season.

Next up on Andover's schedule was the all-PG squad from Bridgton Academy, a team which boasted six All-Americans. Andover, still trying to get its act together, was no match for the Bridgton boys. To Andover's credit, the boys stuck with Bridgton in the first quarter, only falling down 3-2 before the avalanche of goals in the second in third. Despite the lopsided 17-2 score going into the fourth quarter, the gritty Andover squad regained pride by playing Bridgton evenly in the fourth. Despite the teams tremendous efforts in the first to games, they had nothing to show for it. They had, however, shown tremendous strength, determination and pride, virtues one saw more of as the season progressed.

In the third week of the season, Andover's hard work and toil finally paid off with a 13-8 victory. The Blue notched their first win, which was closer than the score might make it look, against a tough Holderness team. From the start of the game, it seemed clear that Andover was by far superior to Holderness, but the Blue was not able to capitalize on its chances and pull away. The score was tied 8-8 early in the fourth quarter, before Andover turned it on and blew Holderness away with a flurry of five goals.

Andover kept its momentum going when it squared off against Deerfield in the team's next contest. This was unquestionably the Blue's finest performance of the season. With memories of the previous season's embarrassment at the hands of Deerfield looming over their heads, the boys were out for revenge, but when Deerfield took an early 2-0 lead it looked like they wouldn't get their chance. Allowing teams to take early leads was a problem which plagued Andover all season long, and allowing Deerfield to take a



Brendan Hilley '99 demonstrates amazing athleticism, taking to the air to avoid three defenders.

Photo / M. Prhl

7-3 lead, Andover seemed ready to roll over and die. However, Andover began mounting its comeback in the third. The Blue chipped away at the deficit, eventually knotting the game at 9-9 and sending the contest into overtime. In OT Captain Johnny Boynton '97 fittingly netted the game winner, capping off a brilliant performance.

Andover's winning percentage remained at five hundred as they split their next two games with Newton North and Milton. The former game was an embarrassment. The Blue played well up until half-time trailing only 4-3, but in the third Andover surrendered five goals, effectively ruining any chances at a win.

However, Andover was able to rally and defeat Milton in their next game. In what should have been a fairly easy contest, the feisty Milton squad would not let Andover pull away. Andover even allowed Milton to take a 9-8 third quarter lead. Tim Tracy '97, who proved to be a clutch player on the team, tied the game, and once again Captain Boynton netted a game-winner.

At this point in the season it seemed Andover hit the wall. With three tough but winnable games in one week and the season's fortunes hanging in the balance, Andover fell apart. The Blue first lost a heart-breaker to Concord-Carlisle. They outplayed CC for the entire game up until the final few minutes. Up 8-6 late in the fourth quarter, CC went on a rampage, scoring five goals on a dazed Andover defense. Andover tried vainly to gather itself and get back in the game with two goals of its own but it was not enough, losing 11-10. Andover looked to correct its losing ways in their rescheduled game with Loomis-Chaffee at Holy Cross. The Blue had beaten Loomis in a pre-season game in Florida, but the boys just could not get the offense going against the Big Red. Their defense played very well but the lack of a decent offensive attack deprived Andover of the victory.

Andover then proceeded to split games with Pinkerton Academy and Tabor. Andover took on Tabor first, notching its fourth win of the season. This was a game in which everything clicked. The defense played one of its best games of the year holding the Tabor attack in check the entire game. The offense exploded for 11 goals in the win. This victory seemed to get the Blue back on track somewhat, a lifting of team's spirits. In this game the aggressive and emotional team of the early season seemed to return and the attack was constant. Despite their loss to Pinkerton in their next game, the boys exhib-

ited a strong effort, and the loss could be attributed to the strength of the Pinkerton team. The 15-7 loss was difficult, as losses always are, but much more manageable and helpful to the Andover team.

Despite the mediocrity that plagued the Blue through much of the season, Andover managed to close out the '97 campaign in style. An 11-7 defeat of Exeter was a bright way to end what had often seemed to be a dismal season. Andover kept its momentum from the Tabor game and played at that level and beyond, not only beating the Exies but dominating them in virtually every facet of the game. The dreariness of the season was partially wiped away by Andover's victory in this long-standing rivalry, especially since the season did not contain any post-season play.

Though there were few games in which Andover displayed its full talent, there were many strong individual performers throughout the year's entirety. The midfield was run by Johnny Boynton, the team's talented captain. James Knowles '97 was also a strong starter returning from last year's team. These two, combined with the strength and aggressive play of Tim Tracy and Ethan Doyle, made for a very complete midfield. The team also possessed strength on defense in returning players Kyle O'Brien, and Kanu Okike. Though at times the backfield may have been overwhelmed with talented opposition, they were able to minimize the amount of scoring opportunities given. On the other end of the field, seniors Niels Heilmann and Chris Warrington were the team's offensive leaders. Though new to the team this year, they both were able to have a dramatic impact on the team.

Looking to next year, Andover again will have many talented players. O'Brien returns again to anchor the defense, along with lower J.P. Chisholm. In the midfield, Pete Salisbury '99 looks to improve on his exceptional performance from this year. If he is able to do this, he will have a key role in the play of the team. Returning at forward next year, Dave Wing '98 will head the attack, along with Brendan Hilley '99, who came up big in the end of the season during Wing's absence due to injury.

Andover's sub-par season was unfortunate, but by no means bad. They were unable to bind together as well as they would have liked, but, were able to put together a number of solid performances. The year served to develop a strong core of players for next year's team, and was not a bad debut for the new head coach.

SPORT: GIRLS LACROSSE

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: GEORGIA GREVILLE
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: KATHY HENDERSON
ASSISTANT COACHES: Lisa Pimentel

SEASON RECORD

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~~NEPSA~~ AISGA Champions

LETTER WINNERS

Lacrosse -GV
Barensfeld, Mary E.
Bliss, Jaclyn B.
Burnes, Rachel C.
Chuang, Ivy
Contreras-Gould, Paige M
Dougherty, Erin C.
Fitch, Mary-Margaret
Gotha, Heather E.
Grace, Whitney S.
Greville, Georgia L. (c)
Hunter, Stephanie M.
Larson, Anna F.
Macmillan, Katharine
Platt, Anne D.
Sawyer, Alice T.
Sawyer, Melita A.
Stewart, Katherine C.
Struck, Helen H.
Wessling, Andrea C.

Girls' Lacrosse

Wed., Apr. 9	St. Mark's scrimmage	away	17-6	
Fri., Apr. 11	K.U.A.	home	18-8	
Wed., April 16	N.M.H.	away	11-16	
Sat., Apr. 19	Harvard	home	canceled	
Mon., Apr. 21	Brooks	home	canceled	
Wed., Apr. 23	Harvard	away	15-12	
Sat., Apr. 26	Horgate Coll (Eng.)	home	12-5	
Wed., Apr. 30	B.B. & A.	home	10-7	
Sat., May.3	Tabor	away	10-9	
Wed., May 7	Governor Dummer	home	6-5	
Sat., May 10	Thayer	home	16-10	
Wed., May 14	Winsor	away	17-8	
Sat., May 17	Tournament at Tabor	away	9-8	
			13-10	Won AISGA
Wed., May 21	Groton	home	13-11	
Fri., May 23	Exeter	away	11-12	

Captain Greville '97 Nets Five in Drubbing of St. Marks'

by Owen Tripp
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
St. Mark's

17
6



They are widely heralded as the most promising team of the spring season, and after only a day of outdoor practice the girls' lacrosse

team, suggesting that the rumors may be true, destroyed an inferior St. Mark's team. The team dominated every element of the early-season scrimmage. Surprisingly, the domination came even while coaches were still experimenting with different player combinations. But who can really be surprised by the girls' immediate success?

The '97 squad has a wealth of talent and an impeccable coaching staff. These qualities earned them recognition from Lacrosse Magazine, who ranked them eighteenth in the nation.

Last year the team convincingly captured the New England title with a superior balance of attack and defense. Athletic giants like Julie Gwozdz '96, Abby Harris '96, and Freddy Barrows '96 powered the Blue throughout the season.

This season the girls will bring an equal amount of talent to the field, but

successes will likely be found in team play rather than individual accomplishment.

That's not to say the team doesn't boast a core of superstars. Team Captain and three year veteran Georgie Greville '97 is among the best players in Andover's league. In the scrimmage against St. Mark's she led all scorers with five goals. Erin Dougherty '98 is another returning power; she followed Greville in the scoring column with four goals of her own.

Returning seniors Mary Barendfeld and Melita Sawyer are two of the best athletes in the school, and their prowess adds a potency to the famous Andover attack. Along with Greville, these two solidify the team's leadership. Heather Gotha '98 is yet another offensive weapon with good speed and what a fellow player called, "among the best stickhandling on the team." She netted three goals against St. Mark's.

Perhaps the most exciting additions to the team's roster are Kate Macmillan '00 and Whitney Grace '98. Macmillan made a name for herself during the field hockey season and she continued to impress people by scoring three against St. Mark's. A junior, she will doubtless lead Andover lacrosse into the next millenium. Grace made the move up from JV this season and she handled her first varsity scrimmage with ease. She led the team with

three assists.

The true story behind the Big Blue's success, past and present, is the coaching of Kathy Henderson. Unanimously labeled as a, "great coach," by her players, Henderson has been the driving force behind Andover's successful program. She doubles as the coach of the Under 19 National Team, a distinction of which she is very worthy. This year she is teamed up with Lisa Pimentel, a college lacrosse player and an "insightful coach". In addition Amie Wilmer '85, one of the best lacrosse players to come to Andover in the last ten years, will be along for the ride.

The coaches, needless to say, were happy with the team's defeat of St. Mark's, but they feel there are minor adjustments that will need to be made before the team's functioning at its maximum potential.

Says Henderson, "We need to step things up defensively...but I have no fear [of problems in the backfield]." Pimentel was very satisfied, especially considering the team had had only one day of outdoor practice prior to the game. "[The team] looked great out there...our senior leadership and exceptional depth should be factors throughout the season."

There are several other factors which should determine the fashion in which the season progresses. It has been dually noted that Georgie Greville is an excellent player and team leader, but several other seniors, including Mary-Margaret Fitch, must have good years. Also, it is vital that the girls stay injury-free. In lacrosse, players exert a great deal of pressure on their bodies. Finally, it is a long season. If this takes it toll by the end of the season, conditioning could become another factor.

Today the girls play their home-opener against Kimball Union Academy, whom Greville notes, "should not be taken lightly." As long as they continue to dominate, expect the coaches to experiment with different lineups. This team, with their surplus of talent and excellent coaching, is bound for another season of glory. But beyond that, they promise to be one of the most exciting teams to watch.

Girls Falter at NMH

The impressive girls' lacrosse team allowed 16 goals in a loss to NMH, raising questions about the condition of its defense.

by Owen Tripp
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	18
KUA	9
NMH	16
Andover	11



Here's the good news: The girls' lacrosse team's offense is dangerously effective and they have the coaching ability to optimize it. The stellar attack had its first hour against an over matched KUA this past Friday. Now the bad news: Unfortunately, other parts of the team's game, namely the defense, have not exactly fallen into place. These weaknesses showed through in a somewhat poorly-played game against NMH.

KUA

In a rare Friday evening appearance, the girls slaughtered Kimball Union Academy. Quite simply stated, the Andover offense stomped on the hapless KUA, winning 18-9. Topping the scoring column was the nimble Mary Barendseld '97, who netted five. Barendseld's success relied on her unstopable attack; she mixed bursts of speed with excellent lateral footwork.

Captain Georgie Greville '97 and veteran Erin Dougherty '98 also tore through the thin KUA defenses; they both contributed four goals in the winning effort. Heather Gotha '98 aided in the relentless attack by forcing turnovers and powering the ball into KUA's defensive zone.

The coaches were obviously happy with the team's play, although the opponent was not very formidable. Assistant Coach Lisa Fimentel noted the fact that the girls scored soon after the first draw, "We won a lot of the draws and scored many of our girls in the first few minutes...that [kind of] play is important in lacrosse."

Some of the players were a little worried about the fact that KUA managed to score nine goals, but most felt that if they could continue to overpower with their offense, they wouldn't have any problems. This proved to be exactly the problem in their next contest against Northfield. They couldn't quite overpower NMH. And they certainly couldn't defend against their powerful offense.

NMH

Sedated by a three hour bus ride, the girls came out flat — without the

vigor and excitement that their game with KUA was laced with. NMH took advantage, saddling the Blue with its first loss of the season in a 16-11 shootout.

Defenseman Jackie Bliss '98 commented "that the warm-ups were too short...After that long ride we needed some time to prepare."

Greville echoed her feelings and added that NMH had the edge for the first twenty-five minutes and after that, Andover took control. "If not for those first twenty-five minutes," she says "we could have beaten them."

NMH, indeed, took advantage of Andover's lackadaisical play. The Hogger attackers bombarded the Andover goal with many an accurate shot. At half time, NMH led by seven goals. Andover played much better in the second half and the girls quickly closed the gap.

The leader of the assault was the team's number one scorer, Erin Dougherty. Dougherty capitalized on quick passes from her teammates. She scored one of her four off a brilliant pass from Greville.

Lower sensation Tysie Sawyer served as a threat from the outside the entire game. Towards the middle of the game she took a good feed from Steph Hunter at the eight meter mark and fired it into the back of the net. Once NMH realized Sawyer's ability as a sniper, they began to guard her more carefully.

Gotha, Barendseld and Greville each tossed in two goals. Despite sparkling individual performances, though, the Andover offensive machine was certainly not functioning at its maximum. The team was plagued by a plethora of dropped balls and failed passing attempts.

The defense also had its share of problems. In many cases, the NMH attackers were faster and more competent. Still, defender Katie Stewart '97 worked very hard in the backfield and offered a tremendous game from the point.

Multiple goalies played in the game and had difficulties protecting the Andover net. Many of the players feel that the goalies need more experience before they'll really be ready for this level. Fimentel feels strongly that if the other team "scores sixteen goals, you can't win a lacrosse game."

The squad anticipates a rebound this weekend when they face off against the Harvard JV at 2.00 on Saturday.

They have had their wake-up call and now they only hope to avoid a crippling sense of overconfidence. The girls have the talent to win the games, but they will need to stay focused and play well as a team.

Girls Rebound Against Harvard

by Kate MacMillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	16
Harvard JV	12



After last week's hard loss to NMH, the Big Blue tried to jump back on the wagon this past Wednesday against

a tough Harvard JV

team. Following many days worth of hard conditioning, the Blue felt confident as they boarded the bus to Harvard Square.

The game started out with a scare as Harvard quickly netted five unanswered goals in the first few minutes of the game. However a motivational time-out speech by coach Kathy Henderson soon got everyone's heads into the game, and Mary Barendsfeld '97 first put the Blue on the board with one of her deadly accurate shots. Barends-

feld would in fact play a large role in Andover's victory as she netted seven goals and also notched one assist. Erin Dougherty '98, Heather Gotha '98, Tysie Sawyer '99, and Captain Georgie Greville '97 also came up with goals of their own, most of which came off of well-executed, settled plays like the stack and the ever-popular "Connie" play, which, according to Jackie Bliss '98, was, "very effective with goal scoring."

However, the Big Blue's victory was not a result only of its outstanding attack, but also of its stellar defense. Katie Stewart '97 played especially well against the fast, Harvard team, and goalie Chace Wessling '99 came up with one huge save after another. The Blue midfield completed the balanced Andover blitz on Harvard as Whitney Grace '98 debuted at the challenging center position and impressed everyone with excellent passes and a goal of her own.

Following an elongated first half,

the team went into the second half with Andover holding a narrow 10-9 lead. However Grace's strong play would help the Blue maintain ball control and keep possession. These factors, combined with four major saves by Wessling at the end of the game, would enable Andover to prevail in the end of this intense nail-biter.

In short, the Blue rebounded from last week's loss in high style with this convincing, if not thrilling, victory, described by Coach Lisa Pimentel as, "A real team game in all aspects of play."

With the way the team played together in the Harvard win, there is no telling just how far the Big Blue can go this season. This Saturday the girls will meet a touring team from England on the fields of Siberia at 2:00. Come to cheer, come to watch, and, most of all, come to be a part of one of the most exciting and explosive teams that this spring's slate has to offer.

Girls' Lacrosse Team Extends Record to 4-1

The second half was even more exciting than the first, as the ball was constantly being run up and down the field by both teams' defenses, which did excellent jobs clearing the ball out of their respective zones. Katie Stewart '97 was especially effective in this capacity. Andover did manage to control the pace for most of the second half, though, as Steph Hunter '97, Heather Gotha '98 and Barendfeld scored goals towards the beginning of the half.

However, BB&N somehow managed to sneak back, scoring three unanswered goals of its own late in the second half to even the score at 7-7 with about five minutes left to play. Coach Kathy Henderson called the Andover girls in for an intense time-out huddle and sent them back onto the field thinking only of one thing: winning the game.

Georgie Greville '97, Gotha, and Barendfeld all contributed to the eventual victory, scoring big goals following the huddle. Hunter played great defense, even saving one goal, and kept all BB&N scoring threats under control.

Also, Athlete of the Week Mary Margaret-Fitch '97 was a wall on the defensive end of the field. Her play throughout the season has been nothing short of exemplary, as evidenced by the leadership she provided against the continuing assault of the BB&N attackwomen.

The game ended with Andover possession, and that's exactly the way it should have been; Andover proved to be the better team and now BB&N can only to scratch their heads, figuring out how they were again eluded by the Andover Girls' Lacrosse team.

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	12
Harrogate College	10
Andover	10
BB&N	7



After a couple of false starts, spring seems to have finally arrived. Although at the beginning of the lacrosse season the temperature dipped drastically and rain caused cancellations galore, the weather is now as it should be (warm and sunny) and lacrosse teams everywhere are beginning to hit their strides as they prepare to enter the heart of the short spring season. As in every spring, the Andover Girls' Lacrosse team has its opponents right in its claws.

With its record now standing at 4-1, the Big Blue has dealt with such setbacks as injuries to key players, a tough loss at NMH, and major position changes thus far in the season. However with all the kinks now worked out, the Blue seems poised to continue to dominate all the way to the AISGA tournament in May. After two big wins in the last two games, the team has displayed vast improvement from just the beginning of the season as it is constantly working its hardest to succeed at every challenge it faces.

Harrogate Women's College

Last Saturday the Harrogate Women's College, a British team touring the country, played Andover a visit. The two teams first had breakfast with each other and at two o'clock they met to begin a game that would result in a great Andover victory.

Harrogate started the scoring with a quick goal in the first minutes of the game, but Andover soon came back with a goal of its own. Erin Dougherty '98 scored Andover's first goal and from that point on the Blue never looked back.

Although Harrogate scored again following Dougherty's goal, it would only score once more before half time, at which the score was 9-3. This can be imputed to the Blue's terrific pressure defense throughout the game, as well as excellent play in goal by both Paige Contreras-Gould '00 and Chase



AOW Mary-Margaret Fitch '97 defends a BB&N attackman behind the Andover net.

Photo/P. Salisbury

Wessling '99. The Blue maintained ball control and used its possession to run all of its plays, which produced many goals.

Mary Barendfeld '97 and Georgie Greville '97 led all scorers with three goals apiece, followed by Erin Dougherty '98 and Kate Macmillan '00 who each netted two on the day. Additional goals were scored by Whitney Grace '98 and Heather Gotha '98.

The two teams had entirely different styles of play and strategies, and due to this Andover's victory was fairly lopsided. However both teams had lots of fun in this friendly match and were delighted to exchange gifts from their home countries (a tradition in international play) at the end of it. They then had a barbecue and watched the boys' night game, capping off what had been a wonderful day.

BB&N

The team went into the second game of their week expecting a fast, highly-skilled BB&N team, and that is

exactly what they got. Over the last three years, BB&N, which constantly finishes top its league, has only lost to Andover. Last year's game was especially thrilling, as Barendfeld scored a goal in the last ten seconds of play to put the Blue over BB&N 10-9. With this in mind, the team entered the game with a lot of things on its mind as the draw went up last Wednesday amidst a gorgeous spring day.

The game began with BB&N quickly jumping out to a 3-0 lead. The team possessed great speed and used this to its advantage as it ran in its first three goals. However once the Blue was able to gain possession, the pace of the game slowed down considerably and the Big Blue capitalized on this to run its settled attack.

In fact it was off of the stick/isolation play that sharpshooter Barendfeld scored the first of her five goals on the day to put the Blue up on the scoreboard. Following the Blue's first goal, the two teams exchanged goals in what appeared to be an even match. At half-time the score stood at 4-4, although Andover seemed to be building momentum.

Mary-Margaret Fitch

"Mary-Margaret's skills blow me away. I can't believe this was the kid from North Carolina who had never played before the spring of her lower year. She is an incredible athlete."

—Cathy Johnson, Coach



by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
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The accomplishments of Mary-Margaret Fitch '97 have far exceeded everyone's expectations. With just two years of lacrosse experience under her belt, Fitch has emerged as a top defense player on a nationally ranked team. After working her way into the starting line-up, Mary-Margaret has assumed the role of third-man, a crucial position in the back field. Her superb play has propelled the girls' lacrosse team in its excellent start to the season. Mary-Margaret's performance in beating BB&N was just another example of her improving skills. Her display of leadership and poise in the defense of the PA goal on Wednesday has earned her the honor of Athlete of the Week.

Born and raised in Durham, North Carolina, Mary-Margaret actively participated in sports from an early age. At her former school, Durham Academy, she competed in both field hockey and soccer. DA goes from Kindergarten through high school, but after eleven years, Mary-Margaret felt the time for a change had arrived.

During her freshman year, Fitch began to look at boarding schools in the northeast. Although she visited numerous institutions, Mary-Margaret only applied to a pair: Lawrenceville Academy and PA. She fell in love with Phillips and decided to matriculate. With constant encouragement from her parents, Mary-Margaret decided that the academics, facilities, and people at Andover far superseded those at LA.

Fitch arrived as a lower and immediately joined the varsity soccer team. As a member of the squad, she was introduced to many new people with common interests and quickly made new friends. These interactions helped to ease the transition from her old school.

"I was a little homesick at first," commented Fitch, "but my teammates really helped me relax." In terms of academics, the move from DA proved relatively easy. Fitch benefited from the good primary education she had received as well as the laid back atmosphere of Lower year.

After two terms at PA, the first dilemma hit her. Having no spring sport, Mary-Margaret was encouraged by her roommate Georgie Greville '97 to take up lacrosse. Even with no prior experience, Fitch found a starting spot on the JV squad.

Her coach Lisa Pimentel aided her immensely by teaching her the fundamentals of the game. Greville was also key to her quick learning, patiently supporting her growth as a player. Without the dedication of these two friends, Mary-Margaret probably would not have achieved all she has during her tenure at PA. When spring term of upper year rolled around, Fitch couldn't wait to return to action. Varsity coach Kathy Henderson decided to give this new player a shot at the big

time, and she has not been disappointed. Mary-Margaret moved from attack to a utility role, in which her versatility made her an important addition to the squad.

This year, Fitch's role on the team has changed greatly. The confidence that she has picked up in the past two years has made it possible for her to provide the guidance the defense needs. Her move to the back field is also new, but Fitch's experience at playing defense in soccer gives her knowledge about the positioning involved. Her natural talent for the game is exhibited every time she takes the field.

"Mary-Margaret is a steady influence on the defense. When there's a loose ball in front of the net, you can always count on her to break it out and come up with the big play," stated teammate Mary Barendse '97. According to the modest Fitch, her teammates are responsible for her stellar play. "I am lucky to be on a team with some of the best female athletes at PA and throughout New England,"

said Mary-Margaret.

The '97 season has started out very well for the defending AISGA champs. At 4-1 the girls have quickly established themselves as a contender once again. In addition to their superb opening, the girls have earned themselves an impressive #13 national ranking. After an exciting victory over a tough BB&N squad this past Wednesday, Andover is looking ahead to tomorrow's showdown with Tabor Academy. Phillips narrowly defeated TA in last year's AISGA championship game. In terms of the future, a tourney bid is the immediate goal, but PA knows that the league is full of competitive teams.

Next year, Mary-Margaret will return to her home state of North Carolina to attend Duke University. Although she feels soccer will not be part of her collegiate experience, Fitch hopes to take her lacrosse skills to the next level. No matter how things work out, Mary-Margaret will undoubtedly continue to succeed in the classroom and on the field.



Girls' Lacrosse Extends Record to 6-1 With Two Narrow Victories

by Kate Macmillan
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Though its defense has been consistent and thorough, and its attack has been aggressive and effective, the girls' lacrosse team has recently competed in a number of games that many players felt were too close for comfort.

In fact, in each of its last six games, the Blue has found itself behind in the opening half, and has not been able to "turn it up" and dominate until the second half.

Although the team has won almost all of its games, many questions remain whether the team will continue to be able to pull out such stunning victories. Andover now has a very solid record at 6-1, as the team anticipates next weekend's AISGA tournament at Tabor.

Hopefully the girls, poised to defend their AISGA title, will be able to work together as they have all season in their quest for another championship.

Tabor

Last Saturday, under a gray and overcast sky, the Big Blue made the trip down to Cape Cod to face Tabor. Last year Tabor handed the Blue their only loss of the regular season, which Andover later avenged, as it defeated Tabor in the AISGA championship game. For this reason Tabor was hungry for a big win over the Andover, as they demonstrated by jumping out to a disturbing 4-0 lead.

By this point in the game the weather had already begun to deteriorate, as Erin Dougherty '98 scored Andover's first goal as a cold rain beat down upon the players.

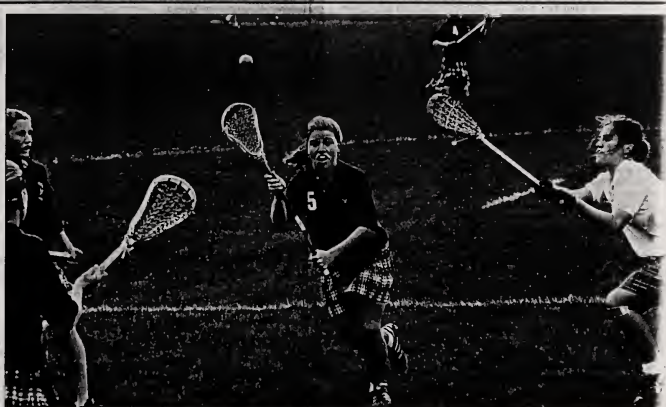
Despite the fact that Dougherty, Mary Barenfeld '97, and Georgie Greville '97 all scored again for the Blue during the first half, Tabor had a very fast start, and the Blue defense had it's hands full as it tried to shut down Tabor's run-and-gun style of play.

By halftime PA was looking at the sort end of an 8-4 score.

The Blue came back in the second half with its mind set on controlling the game, and that is exactly what happened. Heather Gotha '98 scored the first of her two goals as the second half began, and Whitney Grace '98 followed suit with a goal of her own. Although Tabor did manage to control the ball fairly often, goalie Chase Wessling '99 had her best game of the season, as she was virtually a wall in net, stopping just about everything that came her way. Wessling would finish the day, only surrendering a single goal during the second half.

The weather was growing progressively worse, however neither team seemed to be affected by this, and they played on intensely.

Gotha scored again and Barenfeld scored twice more to give the Blue a one goal lead at 9-8 with ten minutes remaining.



Jackie Bliss '97 releases the ball as a defender from Governor Dummer approaches. The Blue attempted to spread the field on Wednesday and to keep the ball moving to prevent the GDA offense from gaining possession and eating away at Andover's narrow lead.

Photo / M. Prahl

At this point Tabor called a time-out and the Blue gathered in a huddle, delighted that they had managed to overpower Tabor and come back with such dominance.

Mary-Margaret Fitch '97, who's more of a defensive player, scored her first goal of the season with 6:42 remaining, adding to the momentum the Big Blue had been gaining since the beginning of the second half. The Blue's plan was now to just maintain possession and keep Tabor from getting the ball and scoring.

For about five minutes the team managed to throw the ball from one area of the field to another, greatly frustrating Tabor. However at some point the ball was either dropped or passed incorrectly as it found its way first into the crosse of a Tabor player and eventually into the back of the Andover net.

With just 1:21 remaining in the game, Andover held a narrow 10-9 lead as it battled for control on a crucial draw. It won the draw, and the team managed to hold onto the ball for the rest of the game, thus preserving yet another thrilling victory for the Big Blue.

Governor Dummer

Coming off of Saturday's Tabor game knowing that it had been perhaps too close, the Big Blue was determined to overpower GDA from the very beginning. In the first few minutes of the game Steph Hunter '97 had a number of key defensive plays that prevented many GDA breakaways and scoring attempts.

However once the Blue attack got the ball, it somehow faltered and GDA went down to score the first goal of the game at 20:45.

The game was close though, and Andover soon came back to score as

Erin Dougherty found the back of the net at 18:27. The two teams continued to trade possessions throughout the first half as both attacks seemed to favor settled offenses.

However GDA managed to score two quick goals in the matter of a minute to put themselves up 3-1 with 13:09 remaining in the half. Andover really made a team effort on defense, as it managed to clear ball after being out of its own zone by completing excellent passes as it transitioned itself down the field.

GDA would score once more in the half, and Georgie Greville could score as well, thus providing an unusually low halftime score of 4-2, GDA.

The Blue realized at halftime that they were in a situation very similar to the one they had dealt with earlier in the week at Tabor, and they really focused on going out and dominating the tough GDA team in the second

half. The brief focus group seemed to work, as GDA would score only once [early on] in the half.

Mary Barenfeld and Gotha each netted a goal, and Erin Daugherty scored two in the second half to insure the Blue's victory.

Once again the team made sure it could maintain possession for the closing minutes of the game, and this time it went off without a hitch as GDA was virtually eliminated from the game in the last few minutes of play. As the final whistle blew, Andover knew it had pulled off another close victory.

This was a huge game that really gave a testament to the Blue's stamina and spirit, and team unity proved to be a big factor in the win.

Every person on the team played well in this game, especially in the second half, and everyone deserves a pat

on the back. Hopefully the Blue has played all of its close games and will cement rest of its opponents so that even might breathe a little easier. Mail to come and watch tomorrow when the team meets Thayer, which that can never be understated under the lights at 7:00.

In this contest, the girls' lacrosse team, one of Andover's best programs, will look not only to another notch to their win column also to build vital momentum for the AISGA championship defense.

With the expectations that have been laid upon this team's lacrosse, cannot afford to enter the tournament on a down note, as that would spell disaster for the girls, who relied so heavily on their momentum to squeak out victories such as this week against Governor Dummer and Tabor.

Girls Dominate Winsor and Thayer, Building Momentum for Tournament

Two Sound Victories Help Resolve Doubts Raised After Two Close Calls Last Week

by Kate Macmillan
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Although last week's performances raised some doubts about the girls' lacrosse team, the dominating team of old reemerged

this week. In the last two games the Blue has simply manhandled its opponents in all aspects of the game; from scoring, to defense, to saves in goal, the team has been unstoppable. The team's victories over Thayer and Winsor are even more impressive considering the quality of both those teams.

The girls' lacrosse team has finally coalesced. The girls are primed to defend their title, as the #1 Seed in tomorrow's AISGA tournament at Tabor. However, regardless of the outcome, two more games remain in the season, and the Big Blue, with an 8-1 record, is looking to keep its losses to a minimum as the season winds to a close.

Thayer

Although last Saturday was, for the most part, rainy and cold, someone up above must have been looking out for the Blue, because the temperature rose and the skies cleared as the girls walked into the stadium to play their big spotlight game at 7 pm. Though the Thayer team has struggled this year, it possessed a number of fast, athletic players who were not to be underestimated.

The Andover team started out with a roar, however, as Mary Barenfeld '97 began Andover's first-half scoring bonanza by netting a goal less than two minutes into the game. Andover, led by Heather Gotha '98 and Erin



Jackie Bliss '98 maneuvers around a helpless defender as the Blue earn yet another win.

Photo / M. Prah

Dougherty '98, held a 3-0 lead with twenty minutes left, and at this point the girls, with their efficient passes, accurate shots, and swarming defense, looked as though they might slaughter the opposing team.

However, Thayer struck back, scoring three quick goals on freak breakaways. This enabled them to tie up the score and forced the Blue to call a timeout. Here Coach Kathy Henderson settled the Blue down, reminding them that they needed to control the ball more in order to regain the big lead they had held. Something she said must have worked, as one minute later Kate Macmillan '00, on a pass received from defender Anne Platt '97, carried the ball downfield and passed it to sharpshooter Barenfeld who was able to penetrate the unprepared Thayer defense and score a quick goal.

As the Blue gained momentum, Erin Dougherty soon scored again. Andover completely controlled the pace for the rest of the half, and

although Thayer would score twice more, Andover finished the half with ten goals, and thus a five goal lead. Barenfeld, Dougherty, and Gotha all had multiple goals, and Steph Hunter '97 also managed to score one.

The second half was played with equal intensity, as the Blue's settled attack once again proved unstoppable. Gotha, Barenfeld, Dougherty, and Macmillan all managed to score at one point or another in the half and, combined with the strong midfield play of Rachel Bumes '99, Tysie Sawyer '99, and Hunter, along with the stellar defense of Katie Stewart '97 and Jackie Bliss '98, they ended up crushing their overwhelmed opponents. It was a terrific victory, and Coach Kathy Henderson put it best when saying, "This was the first time we, the entire team, were all totally here and together. If we can keep this up, we're gonna do great."

Winsor

After a long bus ride into Boston, the Blue was totally keyed up for its game against Winsor. It was here that they could prove to everyone that they could continue to dominate their opponents in a big way. This is exactly what happened, as the Blue scored twice and never looked back. Right from the first

draw, the Blue had efficient passes and moved down the field with ease. Obviously Winsor was not ready to defend against the intrepid Andover transition, as the Blue attack netted ten goals in the first half. Almost all of these shots would come off crisp passes made by the attack, and despite a keen goaltender, Winsor was virtually defenseless.

Although scoring was rather low (by the Blue's standards) in the second half, Andover still dominated in every aspect, and once again everyone on the team contributed in a major way; whether it was passing (which was excellent on this day), shooting, or defending that the Blue needed to be doing, they pulled it off in style. Barenfeld led all scorers with six goals, Gotha and Macmillan each netted two, and Dougherty and Sawyer also tallied points. Defender Anne Platt also chipped in, scoring her first two goals of the season. On the other side of the field, Goalie Paige Contreras-Gould '00 was huge, saving six shots (most of which were free shots) and only allowing three to get by her in the half that she played. Overall, it was an impressive victory, and this Saturday should be good, as the Blue opens the tournament by playing Winsor at 11 am.

Girls Lacrosse Wins Straight AISA Championship With Victory Over Tabor

Girls follow up tourney dominance with sound defeat of Groton School, upping record to 11-1

by Kate Macmillan
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As the spring athletic season draws to a close, the Girls' Lacrosse team is riding high on a wave of wins, including two victories that

led to Andover's fifth consecutive AISA tournament championship. As the AISA title is comparable to the New England women's lacrosse title, winning five in a row is an unprecedented mark of excellence that truly puts the PA girls' lacrosse team among the best in the country.

It is of equal importance to note that the team has lost only one game this season, and if the team has anything to say about it, its final game (against Exeter tonight) will only add to find its way to the win column.

AISA Tournament

The team boarded a "bubble bus" extremely early last Saturday morning as it prepared to journey down to Tabor to meet some of New England's best in the all-day tournament. It arrived as the #1 seed out of 8 teams and at 11 AM faced Winsor, a team which it had defeated quite soundly on the previous Wednesday.

The Blue opened the game in its

usual fashion—trading possessions and lacking composure in its attack—and sure enough Winsor scored first. However the Big Blue soon came back when Mary Barenfeld '97 continued her phenomenal output, scoring the first of her three goals in the game.

Throughout the game the two teams would continue to exchange goals, and the Blue held only a slight lead at halftime. What was so unique about this game, as opposed to the last Winsor game where the Blue scored goals left and right, was that the Winsor defense tightened up, thus forcing unexpected Andover players to come through at key times.

For instance, Anne Platt '97, a defensive stalwart, scored two goals, both at key junctures, that lifted the Blue at times when it was actually down by one or two goals. Whitney Grace '98 also came through for the Big Blue to score a goal; since moving to the center position, Grace has assumed a role that receives less attention than her previous position, but at the same time she has become the backbone of the team's transition offense, and for this she is invaluable to the team.

Perhaps the most important goal of the game, though, was recorded by Steph Hunter '97. A tireless worker, Hunter is a natural defender and is constantly coming through for the Blue at both ends of the field. With less than one minute left in the game, Winsor tied the game up 8-8. Barenfeld received a pass from downfield and carried the ball behind the net. After numerous cuts failed, Hunter emerged from a pack of defenders, grabbed a pass, and put the ball into the back of the net. The clock soon ran out; the game had been won in the nick



Erin Dougherty '98 passes to Anne Platt '97 after splitting two defenders in the open field.

Photo / M

of time and the Blue was in the finals against old nemesis Tabor.

Last year Andover and Tabor also met in the finals, and the Blue pulled out a very narrow victory to maintain its championship streak. Earlier this season, the two teams met, and once again Andover won by a close 10-9 margin.

However fate was on the Blue's side this time, as the Blue opened up with a quick 3-0 lead on goals by Heather Gotha '98, Tysle Sawyer '99, and Barenfeld. The Blue's settled attack was working extremely well, as it did all through the game. Although at times Tabor managed to control the ball in the Andover zone, Chase Westling '99 had a phenomenal game between the pipes, managing to come up with save after save in many a tight

situation.

Captain Georgie Greville '97 also played well; she was the go-to player on many occasions when Westling needed to clear the ball out of her zone. Barenfeld would finish the day with five goals and Gotha with four; Erin Dougherty '98 additionally came up big, scoring two. The team knew it deserved this victory from the very start, and it was determined to make sure absolutely nothing would get in the way of its progress. Exhausted from the excitement of the first game, but exhilarated from the elation of the second, Andover accepted its trophy as though the hardware was now where it belonged, and the Blue boarded the bus as what had been the perfect day drew to a close.

Groton

Wednesday afternoon the Blue met Groton in a match that would be tight throughout, but in which the Blue, in typical fashion, would valiantly emerge the victor. Although the game began under warm, sunny skies, the beginning was a dark one for the Blue, with Groton jumping out to a quick 4-0 lead. Andover's attack seemed somehow unsure of itself, and this showed as it lost the ball without scoring four times in a row. Finally, ten minutes into the game, Barenfeld net-

ted a goal.

With the excellent defensive port of Hunter and Mary-Mai Finch '97, Barenfeld would twice more within the next three minutes. Gotha scored soon after tying the score, at least for a short od. However Groton soon came to take the lead, though not for long. Barenfeld soon responded by nore from ten feet. Groton scored more in the half, but the Blue v took the lead after goals by Gotha Sawyer.

After the halftime the Blue so more focused, holding Groton to four more goals, two of which scored in the last two minutes of game. Helen Struck '98, a low dive player, highlighted the afternoon. The Blue used in the so half, almost scoring and assi Gotha on a key goal. Dougherty v also came through for the Blue at times, dominating the draw con the middle of the field near the en the game.

Barenfeld, however, was th of the day, as she amassed seven and also played excellently behind net at feeder. It was, though stress times, another terrific victory, and Blue now look only to add to their totals as they face Exeter tonight. Late game that should prove excitin not spectacular.



Mary Barenfeld '97 curls around a defender, looking to pass to

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Girls' Lacrosse Extends Dynasty



by Kate Macmillan and Dan Sloan
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Friday, May 23 marked the end of the girls' lacrosse team's superb 10-2 season. Although the year ended on a flat note, with a loss to Exeter on a warm Friday night, Andover's unprece-

tioned this straight championship made the season a successful one.

Widely heralded as the best Andover team of the Spring season, the girls entered the season with high expectations. With much more than a fair chance to be the best of the off-year, the lacrosse team was to be the exception, expected to maintain the excellent Andover athletics has long demanded and received from its teams. The girls fulfilled all expectations with surety and ease.

The 1937 squad, guided by Captain George Greville '37, who, with her effortless spirit and careless determination consistently felt the girls. Each time she walked onto the field, she brought with her an intensity along with the girls. The girls will be sorely missed next year.

All eight of this year's seniors—Greville, Mary Barensfeld, Mary-Margaret Fitch, Anne Platt, Steph Hunter, Katie Stewart, Ivy Chuang, Ren Mehta and Melita Sawyer—have made their individual marks upon Andover's lacrosse program. Though each of these players has filled different roles for the Blue, all of the seniors have made enormous

contributions to the remarkably unified 1997 squad. This season began auspiciously for the

Blue, as Andover walked all over a hapless St. Mark's team. The 17-6 contest would prove to be one of the girls' most lopsided victories of the entire year. Entering the regular season, however, the girls faltered, failing to maintain the momentum from the St. Mark's contest. Although they jumped to a 1-0 record by soundly defeating Kimball Union in the season opener, they turned around and lost to NMH. In both contests the defense was extremely suspect.

Perhaps the highest victory of the early season was over KJUA, a team ranked in the top five nationally. But, even in this great game, the team's defense allowed over twenty shots, nine of which became goals, on goalie Chase Wendling '99.

the loss to NINETEEN was a big shock. In this contest, the girls simply did not come out with the intensity that is inherent in championship caliber teams. Although the Blue eventually hit its stride dominating the sec-

and half of play, the girls could not get out of the whole they dug for themselves in the first game, said Captain Greville commented on the game, saying "If not for those first twenty-five minutes, we would have beaten them." The girls eventually fell by the score of 16-1. I, but they would use the game as a rallying cry, in their nine-game win streak.

Andover began its rampage on Wednesday, April 23 against Harvard IV in yet another shoot-out. Barenfeld, aided by Tysie Sawyer '99, Erin Dougherty '98, and Heather Gotha '98, led the scoring. The senior co-captain delighted the Andover faithful with an astounding seven goals, as Andover's high powered offense once again put the scoreboard, netting a total of sixteen goals.

Coach's Reflection

"This season was successful because we were able to get the seniors... They set the tone for the team. And the underclassmen picked up their lead right away to form a cohesive team."

- Lind Pimentel

goals. The Blue's defensive unit, on the other hand, continued to struggle. PA, once again, gave up a double digit number of goals. At this juncture in the season, it was obvious that the Blue needed to make some defensive adjustments if it was to go on to a fifth straight championship.

Over the following three weeks, both the offensive and defensive game plans began to come into focus. Andover went 6-0 over this span with victories over New England powerhouses such as Tabor, Governor Dummer and B&N.

After ripping off six straight victories, the girls were poised to repeat as AISGA champions, entering the 1997 tournament as the first seed. Andover's opening round matchup pitted them against Winsor, a team that they had defeated quite soundly only a week be-

The girls opened the game with uncharacteristic play, lacking the composure they had demonstrated throughout the season. Andover's sloppy play allowed Winsor to jump out to an early lead. However, Andover settled down and got back into the game with the help of Barenfeld, who continued her offensive output with three goals on the day.

The Big Blue, however, could not shake the Winsor team that showed much more tenacity than it had in the earlier match-up. Only minutes to play, Winsor pulled even with Andover, knoting the score at 8-8. With their championship dreams hanging in the balance, the girls needed someone to step up. Steph Hunter '97, one of Andover's go-to players all season, did just that, scoring on a quick cut. Hunter's timely goal allowed the Blue to take the lead, 9-8.

Tabor, to squeak by Wusor and go on to defend its title in the AISGA tournament final. Tabor would face the Blue in a rematch of the 1996 tournament finals. In both that game and a contest earlier in this season, the Blue had escaped with a narrow victory over the Sawtooths. In this contest, however, the girls had a much easier time defeating Tabor. The Blue set the tone for the game in the opening quarters, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. From that point on, the girls looked to control their defense and goalies Chase Wessling, '99 and Kaitlyn Wessling, '00, were determined to hold the lead. The Avidor backfield reeled, conceding the Tabor attack in a three goal victory to capture the AISGA title in a remarkable fifth straight year.

With the championship under their belts, the girls colored their annual contest against March-nival Exeter with enormous confidence. The two teams met under the lights of Exeter's new stadium on Friday, May 23. Although the game started out particularly well—Barnesfield scored twice in five minutes—to put the Blue up 2-0—things soon began to deteriorate. Exeter stormed back to tie the game at 3-3, but more importantly, the Blue lost two of its four line attackers. Without Barnesfield (ejection) and Kate Macmillan '00 (knee injury), Andover's offense was severely hampered.

However, Coach Cathy Henderson, constant leader for the team, made some quick substitutions, and soon after Greville and Dougherty put the Blue back on top with a goal apiece. The two teams continued to play very evenly, as both continued to trade possessions, score, and clear the hall out of their respective defensive zones. Unfortunately, Andover suffered yet another big loss in the second quarter when Katie Stewart was checked in the hand and forced to leave the field because of bleeding. By halftime, Exeter had capitalized on the Blue's misfortune, pulling ahead by two.

In the second half, the team took the field with thoughts only of victory. All throughout the final two quarters, Andover displayed military determination, a focus which, through all the close games and tight moments of the season, had never been seen. Whitney Grace '98 and Hunter came through for the Blue numerous times in transition as they both managed to dodge one defender after another when

clearing the hall and passing it to the offensive zone. Grace and Hunter led Andover back into the contest, but with less than three minutes to go, the Blue still trailed by one after an Exeter goal broke a 9-9 tie.

Although the Blue panicked for a moment, one of Andover's youngsters soon stepped up. After receiving a pass from Grace, Tysie Sawyer calmly put the ball past the Exeter goalie, knotting the score at zero, where it would stay until the end of regulation.

Although both teams had decided before the game that there would be no overtime in the event of a tie, the players unanimously wanted to decide a clear victor, and after a short conference, the coaches granted their wishes. Unfortunately for the Blue, it became evident that the long, taxing season had taken its toll, as Andover was simply outplayed by Exeter in the overtime period. The Andover girls could only muster a single goal to Exeter's two, and they left 12-11.

Despite the loss, Andover demonstrated the courage that woo the Blue five straight championships. Without three key players, the girls put the game on the line to go the extra distance to risk a safe tie for the glory of a win. Though this particular day did not go as planned, the girls came away from the game stronger than they were before. Next year looks promising for the Blue, with a core of players returning to defend their title. Andover will undoubtedly continue in its winning ways, and though the team will be different, it should be just as formidable.

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Margaret Cantrell 517 West Main Street Laurens, SC 29360			1998	right field
Chrissie Cloonan 40 Linnea Lane Reading, MA 01867			1998	catcher/first base
Alicia Dermody 68 Front Street Marblehead, MA 01945			1998	center field
Bridget Fallon 12 Teaberry Lane Andover, MA 01810			1997	pitcher
Angie Francisco 223 Garden Street Duluth, MN 55812			1997	shortstop
Rebecca Gadsdill 69 High Street Needham, MA 02194			1999	third base
Megan Greene 6 Blach Drive Darien, CT 06820			1997	catcher
Jill Mitchell 43 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740			1998	pitcher
Ashley Murray 8 Ellsworth Road Andover, MA 01810			1997	left field
Katherine Olsay 81 Prospect Street Reading, MA 01867			2000	third base

SQUAD STATISTICSNAME AND HOME
ADDRESS

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

CLASS

POSITION

Kelly Quinn
212 Hwy Meadow Road
North Andover, MA 01845

1997

outfield

Kelly Roberge
5 Franklin Avenue
Andover, MA 01810

1998

center field

Sarah Shannon
401 Prospect Street
Lawrence, MA 01841

1998

pitcher

Liz Siliato
29 Seville Way
South San Francisco, CA 94080

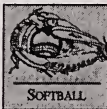
1998

second base

The Isham Field Crew Is Set For A Turnaround Season

by Chrissy Cloonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Lowell	7
Andover	2



After a week of indoor try-outs, the 1997 Andover Softball team is ready to play. With the experience of veterans, Captain Rachel Bain '97, pitcher Bridget Fallon '97, Ashley Murrury '97, Megan Greene '97, Liz Siliato '98, Chrissie Cloonan '98, Rebecca Godsill '99 and Andrea Campbell '99, to introduce the new players to the program, Alison Aiello '97, Julia Bell '97, Angie Francisco '97, Kelly Quinn '97, Morgan Zucker '97, Margaret Cantrell '98, Alicia Dermody '98, Jill Mitchell '98, Sarah Shannon '98, Kelly Roberge '98 and Katherine Otway '00 the season is off to a good start.

After the departure of Lisa Radice, coach Peter Drench will be assisted by the Physics Department's Eileen Kennealy. Though last years' team hit several speed bumps, the coaches have

developed a lot of new talent. Hopefully this will be reflected in this year's squad's performance.

Lowell High School (scrimmage)

Despite freezing weather conditions the women of Andover softball, as always, put forth a tremendous effort. The highlight of the game was lower Andrea Campbell's triple to center field, which allowed Ashley Murray to score.

New team members Francisco, Dermody and Otway played exceptionally well. Though Andover ended up losing the game, 7-2, the girls picked up some valuable game experience. According to Captain Rachel Bain the scrimmage was a "very good start to the season. I'm looking forward to the rest of the spring; hopefully, though we'll be able to win."

With a challenging schedule ahead of them, which includes Massachusetts state champions of '90-'96 Bishop Fenwick, will continue to work hard. This afternoon come support Andover Softball when it will compete in the season opener against Noble High School at 3:30 on Isham Field.

DATE OF CONTEST: April 11th, 1997

OPPONENT: Noble High School

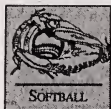
WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA - 2
Noble - 1

Girls Slip by Noble

by Chrissie Cloonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Noble High	1



On Friday, Andover softball started the season off with a bang by winning it's first game. Although the game was the first competition at the varsity level for some players, the team worked together and succeeded on the field. In the bottom of the seventh with the tying run on third, rookie Alicia Dermody '98, saved the game for the Big Blue. Dermody backed up an overthrow to second and succeed in returning the ball to the pitcher holding the runners from attempting to score.

Starting pitcher Bridget Fallon '97 notched a total of four strikeouts and allowed only one hit. Fallon was assisted by a stunning defense. Left fielder Ashley Murrar '97 had an amazing catch to help keep the Noble players from advancing around the bases.

Since it was the first game for both teams the offense took a little while to

get started. With a strike zone favoring the pitchers, and only a week of outdoor batting practice, the batters had some difficulties. However, three year veteran Liz Siliato '98 had the best hit of the game, smashing the ball deep into right field.

Although the team won, the game was marked with some errors, and the play was far from great. To be successful this season, the team will need to work hard and improve a great deal. However, this win was a fantastic start to the season.

When Harvard JV heard of Andover's amazing performance on Friday, they disbanded instead of facing defeat. So, Wednesday scheduled game was canceled and in its place the softball team was divided into two teams: Blue and White. This scrimmage allowed everyone to gain game experience and learn about softball strategy. The game also gave players a chance to test their skills at various positions.

Saturday the Big Blue is on the road to battle NMH and Bancroft out in western Massachusetts. Both these schools have solid programs, so the next two games will be pivotal if the girls wish to continue their early-season success.

DATE OF CONTEST: April 23rd, 1997

OPPONENT: Presentation of Mary Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA - 15
PMA - 5

Girls Jump Out To a 2-0 Record

by Chrissie Cloonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
Pres. of Mary

15
4



After having had their last three games canceled, Andover softball, by beating Presentation of Mary, proved that hard work, dedication and enthusiasm lead to success. Still undefeated, the girls excelled not only on defense but also on offense.

In the first inning, pitcher Bridget Fallon '97 had a great field play in order to get the second out of the inning.

Offensively, Andrea Campbell '99 started the team off in the right direction. With two strikes in the count, Campbell put her batting skills to work. With Campbell's powerful hit into the gap between the center and the right fielder, Lead off hitter Ashley Murray '97 was able to score.

As the game progressed Andover kept up the pace that they set in the first inning. Angie Francisco '97 had a double, which allowed two players to score.

In this, the second game of the season, many players made their '97 season debut. In the final innings of the game, Jill Mitchell '98 took the mound

for Sarah Shannon '98. Since the last spring, these two uppers have been working diligently to improve their pitching. Their development was evident in the impressive speed and accuracy that they displayed. In the sixth inning, outfielder Kelly Quinn '97 prevented POA from rallying. Her beautiful throw from left field reached

catcher, Megan Greene '97, in time to tag the advancing runner.

Although the team's record has improved, other things remain constant. With her experience and knowledge of the game, Captain Rachel Bain '98, continued to steal bases as only a skilled player can.

Additionally, Liz Siliato '98 kept

the defense together with her adeptness as a second-baseman, playing the role of a supportive and experienced player.

Saturday the girls will play their first doubleheader of the season at Isham Field. At one o'clock, the girls will compete against Cushing and then against Tabor.



Rebecca Godsill '99 applies the tag at third base, preventing the advancement of the Presentation of Mary baserunner.

Photo / C. Finch

DATE OF CONTEST: April 26, 1997

OPPONENT: Tabor Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA - 11 in 9 innings
Tabor - 10

DATE OF CONTEST: April 26, 1997

OPPONENT: Cushing Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: lose PA - 1

Cushing - 3

Softball Keeps on Rolling

by Chrissie Cloonan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Cushing	3
Andover	1
Andover	11
Tabor	10
Andover	11
Exeter	8



Saturday afternoon Andover softball had its first double-header of the season. At one o'clock the team battled Cushing Academy and suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss. Yet, by not allowing the loss to disrupt their morale, the Big Blue beat Tabor in two extra innings, 11-10. Andover then closed out its week with a 11-8 victory over Exeter.

Cushing

With a strikeout and a play to first, pitcher Bridget Fallon '97 opened the game against Cushing with a great performance. Fallon was aided by the strong P/A defense, which was dominated by shortstop Angie Francisco '97. In the words of an opposing coach, Francisco is "the best fielder, man or woman, I have ever seen." Throughout the afternoon Francisco awed both players and fans with her quick moves and strong throws. Typical plays for Francisco included stopping a grounder on her right side with a backhand grab, and then throwing the runner out at first. Yet, in the top of the seventh she demonstrated her finesse as a player with a diving play to her left in order to halt any runners from scoring.

Despite Fallon's pitching and Francisco's fielding, Cushing was able to win the game by exploding in the fourth inning. With runners on first and second, an opposing girl hit the first pitch over the right field fence for a homerun. The Blue was shaken by the dinger, but they were able to give themselves another chance in the sixth. With two strikes in the count, Liz Siliato '98 hammered the ball well into left field for a triple. The third batter, Francisco, stepped up and hit a



Alicia Dermody '98 beats the throw to the plate to score a valuable run in a 11-8 defeat of Exeter.

Photo / J. Mische

grounder along the third base line, which allowed Siliato to score. Although Andover was unable to score again, the defense worked hard to halt Cushing from continuing to increase their lead.

Tabor

After Fallon's tremendous pitching in the first game, Sarah Shannon '98 came to the mound against Tabor. In the first inning Andover immediately set the tone for the remainder of the contest. Defensively, Francisco continued to dominate with her rocket throws to first. Offensively, Siliato, playing heads up ball, had a sacrifice bunt to allow Ashley Murray '97 to advance to second. As a result, Murray was able to score off Andrea Campbell's '99 single. In the third, Andover's offense took control with Campbell's hit to right enabling Siliato and Murray to score, and Margaret Cantrell's '98 RBI.

In addition to a strong offense Big Blue continued to work hard on defense. In the fifth, the score 4-1, catcher Rachel Bain '98 fired the ball down to second for a tag play. Additionally, the fifth inning showed the skills of both the shortstop and second baseman, Francisco and Siliato. Francisco scooped up a grounder, threw to Siliato at second for an out. Then Siliato turned and rocketed the ball to the first baseman, Campbell, for out number two. Yet the game was far from over. In the top of the sixth Tabor rallied, and Fallon was put back in. However, Big Blue was not going to end the game without a fight. In the sixth Andover's offense stepped up to the plate and got the job down. Katherine Oway '00 started the team off with an RBI through the legs of Tabor's third baseman. Consequently, Siliato, Campbell, Francisco and Aiello each had a RBI to make the score 8-7.

The seventh inning left the teams

tied at 9-9, so extra innings were needed. In softball each team starts an extra inning with a runner on second, and the competition to see which team has better bunting skills begins. In the top of the eighth Tabor pushed the score to ten, but Aiello's double allowed Campbell to tag the plate and tie the score once again. With the tension rising, the ninth inning left many of the players speechless. Yet, the defense took control, as Francisco, once again awed the audience. With runners on Francisco caught a pop fly as she ran backwards to her right side. Yet, she did not stop with just one out, Francisco fired the ball to Siliato, who got the runner on second. On offense Andover was able to score the winning run to end the game. As Ashley Murray summarized the game, "Whoa, this was scary."

DATE OF CONTEST: April 30, 1997

OPPONENT: Phillips Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA - 11
PEA - 8

Exeter

Wednesday afternoon Andover faced their first game against rival Exeter. Andover gained the first lead of the game rather quickly with two runs scoring off Alicia Dermody's single down the third base line. Yet, in the fourth inning Exeter took advantage of the defense's errors and scored three runs to make the score 2-3. Andover brought the offense together in the fifth when Bain, Dermody and Aiello scored. Then, with the bases loaded, Francisco hit the ball into left field for a double, which allowed two more runs to score. Francisco repeated this play in the sixth when she shot the ball over the third baseman's head. On defense the team worked especially well together. In the sixth, where Exeter rallied to score five runs, Bain finally ended the inning with a throw down to third. Making the outs in the top of the seventh enabled Andover to secure their fourth win of the season. Saturday the team will face North Andover High at Isham Field at two o'clock.

DATE OF CONTEST: May 3, 1997

OPPONENT: North Andover High School

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA -23

No. Andover - 16

DATE OF CONTEST: May 7, 1997

OPPONENT: Our Lady of Nazareth

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA-5
Nazareth-2

Fallon '97 Picks Up Fifth, Sixth Wins of Season, Brings Girls to 6-1

by Chrissie Cloonan
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	23
No. Andover	16
Andover	5
Lady of Nazareth	2



The Andover girls' softball team kept up their winning ways this week, first beating North Andover by seven runs in a slugfest, then topping the parochial school Our Lady of Nazareth in a close 5-2 game. In order to allow everyone of both teams a chance to play in the first game, the coaches agreed to play nine innings instead of the typical seven. However, the downpour during the top

of the eighth caused the teams to quit early. In all, it was a successful week for the girls in Blue, who have established themselves as one of the best teams in the Andover athletic program.

North Andover

From the start of the game, Andover's offense dominated. Liz Siliato '98 had a tremendous sacrifice bunt and hit to keep the offensive rally going, in addition to Angie Francisco's double in the bottom of the sixth. Outfielder Kelly Roberge '98 also batted well, with two hard hits into center. Against her hometown team, Kelly Quinn '97 was able to get on base and cross the plate on several occasions. Despite the horrendous weather conditions, catcher Rachel Bain '98 said starting pitcher Bridget Fallon '97 pitched a "very good game, very good." In the sixth inning Jill Mitchell

'98 came in for an inning to relieve Fallon. In the seventh, upper Sarah Shannon replaced Mitchell until the rain forced the teams to vacate the field. Although the Big Blue was strong offensively, the weather hindered their performance in the field.

Our Lady of Nazareth

Wednesday's game against Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, which has become known to the softball team as "the Bain Bowl", allowed Andover to secure its sixth win of the season.

Catching for both teams were the Bain sisters. Andover's Rachel '98 and Nazareth's Debbie '00. By stealing second and third base in the first inning, Rachel showed her younger sister that parentage does not matter on the field. Once again Bain demonstrated her elite base running skills. With the runner on first stealing, Bain took a

lead off third. Meanwhile her sister attempted to throw her out, but was unsuccessful. After diving safely back to the bag, Bain was able to score the first run of the game off an overthrow.

In the third inning Andover's defense and offense came to life. Angie Francisco impressed once again, this time with a scoop catch for the third out of the inning. Offensively, Andover bunted well. Both Ashley Murray '97 and Siliato were able to get on base off their bunts. Murray scored off Francisco's single and Siliato came home off a dead ball to make the score Andover 3 and Nazareth 0. However, Nazareth was not going to surrender. By the sixth inning they had scored to runs, but Andover added to more runs to end the game with a score of 6-2.

Saturday the team is on the road. At 1:30 Andover will play against Deerfield. Then at 3:30 the team will compete against Stoneleigh Burnham, the first seeded team of the '96 tournament who the Big Blue lost to by one run in the bottom of the seventh.



Captain Rachel Bain '98, pictured here, performed well this week both at the plate and behind it as the team's starting catcher.

Photo J.J. Mitchell

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS

Andover vs. No. Andover

Hitters	Ab	H	R	BB	RBI
Murray, H	3	3	1	0	0
Roberge, cf	3	3	2	0	0
Siliato, 2b	4	4	5	2	2
Bell, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Francisco, ss	6	4	4	3	3
Campbell, lb	5	1	2	1	0
Gleason, c	1	1	1	0	0
Bain, c	4	3	4	6	6
Canwell, dp	6	2	1	3	3
Dermody, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Quinn, lf	3	2	0	0	2
Ardito, cf	3	3	1	3	3
Owary, 3b	1	1	0	0	0
Goodall, 2b	2	0	2	0	0
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Fallon	6.0	4	5	5	6
Mitchell	1.0	1	5	6	1
Shannon	1.0	5	6	1	1

Andover vs. Our Lady of Nazareth

Hitters	Ab	H	R	BB	RBI
Murray	3	1	1	0	0
Quinn	0	0	0	0	0
Siliato	3	1	1	0	0
Francisco	1	1	0	1	0
Bain	2	0	1	0	0
Campbell	2	0	0	0	0
Canwell	2	0	0	0	0
Dermody	2	1	0	0	0
Ardito	3	0	1	0	0
Owary	2	0	1	0	0
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Fallon	7	6	2	2	4

DATE OF CONTEST: May 10, 1997

OPPONENT: Deerfield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULT: win PA - 14

Deerfield - 9



Liz Siliato '98 lays down a sacrifice bunt.

Photo / J. Mitchell

DATE OF CONTEST: May 10, 1997

OPPONENT: Stoneleigh - Burnham School

WHERE PLAYED: Stoneleigh - Burnham

RESULT: lose PA - 4

S.B. - 5

DATE OF CONTEST: May 14, 1997

OPPONENT: Bishop Fenwick High School

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: lose PA - 0
BF - 15

Sub-Par Week Slows Softball Team's Momentum going into Tournament

by Julia Bell and Chrissie Clooman
PHILLIPS ACADEMY WRITERS

Andover	14
Deerfield	9
Stonleigh-Burnham	5
Andover	4
Bishop Fenwick	15
Andover	0



After a morning of Saturday classes, the Andover girls' softball team traveled two hours to compete against Deerfield.

Stonleigh-Burnham for its first away games of the season. In addition to every visiting team's disadvantages, the girls faced the added strain of playing on completely grass fields without fences. This greatly contrasts Andover's nicely kept dirt infield and outfield. Nevertheless, the Blue pulled through with one easy win and a hard-fought loss that came down to a tie-breaker in the bottom of the seventh

inning. The Blue came back on Wednesday, looking to dethrone Bishop Fenwick, undefeated for three years.

Deerfield

Sarah Shannon '98 started off as pitcher despite an aggravated, wrist injury. In a courageous effort, Shannon lasted a surprising four innings and held the opposition to two through four innings while the Andover offense racked up an eleven run lead. In the third inning at the bottom of the Blue batting order, the team went a combined six-for-twelve with six RBIs. Margaret Cantrell '98 pitched an impressive final three innings of the game and allowed for #1 pitcher Bridget Fallon '98 to save herself for the second game.

A major asset to the Andover offense was Andrea Campbell '99 who went 3-for-4 and hit a bomb to the outfield that earned her a triple and drove in two runs. Center fielder Alicia Dermody '98 drove in another two runs and made five crucial plays in the field, continuing her impressive performance as a starting rookie on the team. In addition, senior Ashley Murray and Allison Aiello, upper teammates Liz Siliato and Rachel Bain and the lone junior of the team, Katherine Oway '00, each contributed two hits.

The opposition rallied in the fourth, gaining five runs against Shannon. These runs brought Deerfield closer, but not close enough to frazzle the Blue's sturdy defense. Two defensive highlights were a diving catch of a line drive by shortstop Angie Francisco '97 who has displayed a number of incredibly impressive plays this season, and a leaping catch by Siliato, who remains one of the strongest and most consistent team players. Captain Bain was 2-for-5 and once again exceptional behind the plate.

Although the game took almost three hours to complete, Andover walked away from the disappointed Deerfield spectators easy victors. Unfortunately, the comfort of the 14-9 win did not carry over into the second game of the day ten minutes north at Stonleigh-Burnham.

Stonleigh-Burnham School

This game was the essence of close. Some questionable calls and foreign turf seemed to be the only things keeping the Blue from a win. Defense and offense remained powerful. Andover managed to stay just one run ahead for the entirety of the game until the bottom of the seventh when SBS came from behind to win by one. Pitcher Bridget Fallon '97 started off the game fresh allowing just one run on three hits in the first five innings.

Some newer faces of the season started off the game and showed aggressive talent both in offense and defense. Third baseman Rebecca Godsil '99 made several good plays and scored a run for the team, and center fielder Kelly Roberge '98 combated the vast and endless outfield with agility, while going 1-for-2 at the plate. Once again second baseman Siliato was outstanding with six assists, going 2-for-4 at the plate and demonstrating a beautiful hook slide at home (for the tying run) in an attempt to score on a passed ball. Although it was obvious to most that she evaded the late tag the umpire had a different opinion.

Captain Rachel Bain '98 provided the glue of the team, showing consistent excellence on the field and at bat.

She was joined in her constant support for her teammates by the entirety of the team including the almost infamous spirited softball heads led by DC (designated cheerleader) Sarah Shannon. Although the game came to a disappointing close, the team left the grasslands of Western Mass. having played a quality day of softball.

Bishop Fenwick

Wednesday afternoon Andover faced State Champions Bishop Fenwick on Isham Field. Flustered by the reputation of the opposition, the team was not able to enter the game with the strength in the field as they have so far this season. The team made mental errors, which gave Fenwick an enormous number of scoring opportunities. Andover attempted to come back in offense, but the Blue was stopped by strong pitching and fielding.

Although the score was high, Bridget Fallon '97 pitched a tremendous game, she successfully used her bases and insiders to strikeouts numerous batters. In the third inning starting catcher Rachel Bain '98 was injured and replaced by Chrissie Clooman '98. Making her debut of the season, Clooman blocked two runs at the plate. The first block was off an outstanding throw from right fielder Allison Aiello '97. The second came off a throw by second baseman Liz Siliato '98.

By the sixth inning, Coach Drench rearranged the Andover infield. Rebecca Godsil '99 took over third base and had a stunning catch, which kept the runner from advancing to second. Then, in the seventh inning, Sarah Shannon '98 and Megan Greene '97 entered the game to replace the pitcher and catcher.

Despite the loss, the game has helped the team to prepare for the competition they will encounter at the NMH tournament this weekend.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS												
Andover vs. Deerfield												
Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI	BB	SO	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA
Murray, 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Quinn, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Siliato, 2b	4	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Francisco, ss	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bain, c	5	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.00
Campbell, 1b	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Michelle, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Cantrell, dp	5	1	1	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dermody, cf	4	2	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Aiello, cf	4	2	2	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Oway, 3b	4	2	2	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA						
Shannon	4.0	9	7	5	0	0	6.00					
Cantrell	1.0	2	2	0	2	0	6.00					

Andover vs. Stonleigh-Burnham												
Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI	BB	SO	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA
Murray, 2b	4	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Siliato, 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Francisco, ss	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bain, c	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Campbell, 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
Aiello, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Godsil, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Greene, dp	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dermody, dp	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Roberge, cf	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA						
Fallon	6.1	7	5	2	5	7.14						

Andover vs. Bishop Fenwick												
Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI	BB	SO	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA
Murray, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Siliato, 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.00
Francisco, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Cantrell, c	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bain, c	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Chonka, c	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Greene, c	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Campbell, 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Michelle, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Oway, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Quinn, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Aiello, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Autry, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Godsil, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Roberge, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pitchers	IP	H	R	BB	SO	ERA						
Fallon	0.0	12	12	3	4	0	0.00					
Shannon	1.0	2	3	2	0	0	6.00					

DATE OF CONTEST: May 17, 1997

OPPONENT: Suffield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: NMH Tournament

RESULT: lose DA - 12

Suffield - 14

Softball Bows Out of Tourney After Squandering Huge Lead



Allison Aiello '97 beats the throw to the plate against North Reading High, sending the contest to extra innings where Andover would later defeat the 16-2 public school powerhouse, 4-3. Photo: J. J. Mitchell

by Chrissie Cloonan
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Suffield	14
Andover	12
Andover	4
North Reading	3



On Saturday, the girls' softball team traveled to Northfield, Massachusetts to compete in the opening round of the 1997 tournament. Despite their high hopes, the girls fell to Suffield Academy in a 14-12 slugfest. This was a painful loss because Andover squandered an enormous lead after having jumped out in front with eight runs in the first three innings. Andover, however, showed resiliency after the loss, as the Blue bounced back to pull out a dramatic victory over North Reading on Wednesday.

Suffield

Having rebounded from last year's disappointing season with an impressive 1997 campaign, the girls seemed poised for success in this year's tournament. Andover's opening round match-up pitted the Blue against Suffield Academy, a team that the girls were more than capable of beating.

Andover demonstrated its superiority, jumping all over Suffield's starting pitcher with three runs in the first inning, four in the second, and yet another in the third. Unfortunately, the Blue wasn't able to knock the opposing pitcher out of the game before she settled down in the middle innings.

With a victory apparently in hand, Coach Drench pulled many of his starters including pitcher Bridget Fallon '97, hoping to save his star players for later rounds in the tournament. These moves backfired, however, as the replacements players were unable to hold the lead. With poor defensive play behind her, reliever Sarah Shannon '98 was rocked in the sixth inning. Shannon gave up eight runs, allowing Suffield back into the game.

Entering the top of seventh, Andover's lead had been cut to three. Shannon stayed in the contest to try to nail down the victory, but, after giving up two walks, she was replaced by Fallon. Unfortunately, Andover's best pitcher was unable to stop the bleeding. Fallon allowed six baserunners, two of whom were inherited, to cross the plate.

This left Andover with a three run deficit with the only one inning to play. Although the Blue produced a valiant effort, loading the bases with no outs, the girls scored just once more, falling by the score of 14-12.

This loss extended a disappointing trend that emerged last week. In two of

the last three games, Andover has blown substantial leads. This contest in particular disappointed Andover players and fans, as it eliminated them from a long anticipated tournament.

DATE OF CONTEST: May 21, 1997

OPPONENT: North Reading High School

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA-4 in 8 innings
NR-3

North Reading

The Blue responded to its disappointment against Suffield with a fantastic effort in an extra-inning affair, against North Reading High school, Andover won with a run in the first of the extra frames.

Both teams displayed their skills on defense, making all of the routine plays with efficiency. Outfielder Allison Aiello '97 had a remarkable game with two catches in right, which kept runners from advancing. By the fifth inning the score was still tied 0-0, but in the top of the fifth North Reading took advantage of a lapse in concentration by the Andover defense, taking a 1-0 lead when Andover left the plate unguarded. An overthrow then allowed the runner advancing from second to score. The Big Blue pulled together to finish the inning and used their offensive skills to plate three runners. Katherine Owsy '00 started off Andover's rally with a double, later scoring on a passed ball. Two more runners reached the plate to make the score 3-2 Andover. In the course of the next inning North Reading was able to score, forcing the game into extra innings.

The eighth inning, as most of the fans would say, was the highlight of the game. With a hit to center field, North Reading's runner on third base began to barrel to the plate, but she was gunned down. Center fielder, Alicia Dermody '98, relayed the ball to the cutoff, Liz Siliate '98 who rocketed the ball to catcher Rachel Bain '98 for a tag at the plate. After recording out number two, Andover ended the inning with another amazing play at the plate.

The Blue then had its turn at the plate. With Angie Francisco '97 on third, Andrea Campbell '99 bunted down the first base line, allowing Francisco to come in with the winning run.

The Blue's success over North Reading showed that it is capable of playing hard until the finish. On Friday, Andover will compete in its last home game against St. Paul's followed by an away game on Saturday at Exeter.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GIRLS						
Andover vs. Suffield						
Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI		
Murray, dp	5	4	2	0		
Silante, 2b	4	2	1	0		
Francisco, ss	3	3	3	2		
Bain, c	3	1	2	0		
Genne, c	1	0	0	0		
Campbell, 1b	3	1	0	2		
Mitchell, 1b	1	0	0	0		
Roberts, lf	2	1	1	2		
Quinn, cf	1	0	0	0		
Dermody, cf	5	2	1	1		
Aiello, cf	3	1	0	2		
Castrell, cf	1	0	0	0		
Owsy, 3b	2	1	1	0		
Godhill, 3b	2	0	1	0		
Pitchers	IP	H	R	AB	SO	
Fulton	4.0	3	1	2	4	
Shannon	2.0	6	8	3	0	
Fulton	1.0	3	5	2	1	
Andover vs. North Reading						
Hitters	AB	H	R	RBI		
Murray, dp	2	1	1	0		
Silante, 2b	2	0	0	0		
Francis, ss	4	1	1	0		
Bain, c	2	1	0	0		
Campbell, 1b	3	0	0	0		
Owsy, 3b	3	2	1	0		
Roberts, lf	1	0	0	0		
Aiello, cf	2	0	1	0		
Dermody, cf	2	0	0	0		
Castrell, ph	1	0	0	0		
Pitchers	IP	H	R	AB	SO	
Fulton	8	8	3	1	5	

The Girls take on St. Paul's today in their final home game.

(W, 7-4)
The Girls take on St. Paul's today in their final home game.

DATE OF CONTEST: May 23, 1997

OPPONENT: St. Paul's School

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULT: win PA-6
St Pauls-2

DATE OF CONTEST: May 24, 1997

OPPONENT: Phillips Exeter Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Exeter Academy

RESULT: win PA - 18
PEA - 5

Girls' Title Hopes Dashed in '97 Tourney

by Christie Chouman
PHILADELPHIA SPORTS WRITER



After a disappointing loss in the NMEH tournament a few weeks ago, the Andover girls' softball team clearly demonstrated that they are a competitive team.

Finishing off a rewarding season both on and off the field, the team not only beat undefeated St. Paul's, but also crushed Exeter.

Representative of their impressive play throughout the season, After a dismal 1996 campaign, in which Andover suffered one of the longest losing streaks in team history, the girls' softball team managed to win their first five 10-4 record. Unfortunately, their regular season success did not carry over to the tournament, as the Blue fell in the first round in a poor performance, in which Andover squandered their lead.

Under the careful coaching of Peter Drenth and Eileen Kennedy, the team's knowledge about softball and execution of certain plays progressed immensely since the team's first season in 1995. In fact, it was the girls' demonstrated the progress they had made under the direction of their fine coaches.

Against St. Paul's, Andover set the pace for the team. By scoring two runs off their undefeated foe, Andover showed that they were going to put up a fight until the finish. Andover's offense, and defense alike, were superb. Andover's pitcher, Alicia Dermody, fielder, Alicia Dermody '98 exemplified the strides each Andover player has taken during the course of the season to play at her utmost

potential. In the second inning, Dermody began her incredible game, not only stopping a ball from being hit into the outfield, but also catching the catcher's overthrow to second.

To secure Andover's lead in the top of the seventh, Dermody awed both fans and teammates with a brilliant play.

Additionally, the outfield was gunned by senior Alison Aiello. In the fourth, with runners in scoring position, the batter cracked the ball deep into right. With the bench gauping, Aiello leapt into the air, snatching the ball, making a tremendous running catch.

Tired of the score, Andover rallied in the bottom of the sixth. With the bases

"Andover's assets have been its consistent hard work, dedications, and mutual support..."

1997 SEASON STATS											
	AB	R	H	HR	BA	W.L	K	IP	ERA	W.L	+
Blair	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Aiello	41	12	9	0	.268	0	10	253	0.00	0	2
Blair	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Campbell	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Cassidy	26	4	9	0	.346	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Chouman	25	4	9	0	.360	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Cook	15	7	0	0	.467	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Fallon	7	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Gardner	13	2	5	4	.385	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Goodall	13	2	5	4	.385	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Kennedy	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Mitchell	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Osway	31	11	15	11	.535	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Shawyer	13	7	7	3	.538	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Stanton	47	21	16	10	.400	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Pitchers	IP	ERA	W.L	K	+	<td><td><td><td><td></td></td></td></td></td>	<td><td><td><td></td></td></td></td>	<td><td><td></td></td></td>	<td><td></td></td>	<td></td>	
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Stanton	15.1	.25	1	0	2	<td><td><td><td><td></td></td></td></td></td>	<td><td><td><td></td></td></td></td>	<td><td><td></td></td></td>	<td><td></td></td>	<td></td>	

loaded, junior sensation, Katherine Osway stepped to the plate to start the rally. Utilizing the power of the softball, Osway fouled off numerous tough pitches until she saw the one that she liked and cranked it to left. Silato and Angie Francisco '97 scored, leaving Andover with a 3-0 lead.

Not to be outdone in an overwrought game, the Blue rallied to secure the victory. The advancement of pitcher Bridget Fallon '97. She rose to stardom this season, leading the Blue in almost every statistical pitching category. In the second inning, she demonstrated the Blue's offensive prowess by striking out the batter, who had just scored.

Exeter last year on Itham field, Andover hoped to claim revenge against its arch-rival.

Often, the game truly began when

lower Andrea Campbell hit a homerun. Throughout the game Fallon continued to get the job done, striking out the batters who pitched. At the plate Andover began to get the juices flowing by the fifth inning, eventually exhausting Exeter's only pitcher. This allowed Andover to cruise to a 8-1 victory over Exeter.

Looking back on the season, Andover's assets have been its consistent hard work, dedication and mutual support. Highlights from last season demonstrate the Blue's commitment to softball and the dedication of this year that will be the future of Andover softball.



Photo: J. Mitchell

Liz Silato '98 beats a throw to the plate, scoring one of Andover's eighteen runs in a drubbing of Exeter.

SPORT: BOYS TENNIS
YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: DEAN CHIUNGOS
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: GREG WILKIN
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Tennis - B Var. A
Chiungos, Dean C. (C)
Christodoulo, Peter G.
Goodyear, Bradley B.
Gutner, Michael M.
Hugo, John M.
Karlen, Peter B.
Merle, Andrew J.
Nguyen, Thuan T.
Valdesolo, Piercarlo

Boys Tennis

Wed., Apr. 9	Tufts	away	4-5
Fri., Apr. 11	M.I.T.	home	canceled
Sat., Apr. 19	N.M.H.	home	canceled
Wed., Apr. 23	Milton	home	9-9 (win)
Fri., Apr. 25	Andover High	home	
Sat., Apr. 26	Deerfield	away	6-3
Wed., Apr. 30	Exeter	home	7-2
Fri., May 2	St. John's	away	5-0
Wed., May 7	Moses Brown	home	5-4
Sat., May 10	Choate	home	canceled
Sat., May 17	Interschols	away	2nd place
Wed., May 21	Exeter	away	6-3

Boys Come out Flying at the Kingsford Invitational Tennis Tournament

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Tufts	5
Andover	4



In the 1996 season, the Andover boys' varsity tennis team placed fourth at Interschols. This season, the team looks to the New England Championship. Coached by Greg Wilkin, the seven member team is extremely strong and experienced. With a mix of young talent and veteran leadership, the team's future is, at this moment, uncertain. Still, many signs seem to point towards the completion of an interesting and fruitful season.

The tennis team is made up of Captain Dean Chiungos '97, Sam Goodyear '97, John Hugo '98, Pete Karlen '98, Pete Christodoulo '98, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, and Andrew Merle '00. Of these seven, five played varsity last year, giving the team ample experience, and leadership.

In their first tournament of the season, on Saturday April 5, the PA tennis team traveled to Kingswood-Oxford to play in the Kingswood Invitational Tennis Tournament. The tournament allowed the entrance of two doubles teams and four singles players. The doubles teams for PA, were: 1. Dean Chiungos '97 and Sam Goodyear '97, 2. John Hugo '98 and Pete Christodoulo '98.

The singles competitors were as follows: 1. Goodyear 2. Karlen 3. Hugo 4. Christodoulo.

In singles matches, Andover didn't fare as well as it had hoped, as the number 1 and 2 singles players both lost in the first round. The third ranked player, John Hugo, made it to the semi-finals and in the first round defeated the number one seed in his bracket 6-2, 6-2. Pete Christodoulo, advanced all the way to the finals in his bracket, but lost in three sets to the eventual tournament winner, a Deerfield player. Still, Christodoulo's play unquestionably stole the show in the singles draw.

players had beaten Christodoulo in the singles tournament. Following the game, an exhausted Christodoulo was joyous. "It was the greatest match I've ever played in. We were down match point, but we came back. Wow." PA finished a decent fifth in their first competitive event of the year, setting high expectations for the season. Commenting on the condition of the team, Christodoulo said, "The boys' tennis team has developed into one of the top New England programs, and we hope to bring home the New England championship by the end of the spring."

In their second match of the season, the team played against the Tufts

JV team. PA had an excellent doubles showing, ultimately victorious in all of the matches. Christodoulo and Hugo, first doubles team, played exceptionally in defeating their opponents 9-7 in a pro-set match. In singles action, PA did well but had a tough time winning against the talented college athletes. All singles competitors lost except Valdesolo, who one in



Triumphant, Messrs. Goodyear, Chiungos, Christodoulo and Hugo, hold their trophies.

photo / G. Christodoulo

In doubles action the, big news was the first place finish of the PA number 1 doubles team consisting of Captain Chiungos and Goodyear. The pair breezed by each of their opponents to take first. The number two doubles team, Hugo and Christodoulo, also won their bracket, winning the final in three sets against a competitive Deerfield duo. Ironically, one of the

third singles match by a score of 6-3, 7-5.

The boys' varsity tennis team's next match is against MIT JV on Friday; if the boys play up to their potential, we can expect this match to be the first in a long string of overpowering victories. The talent is certainly in place. Hopefully, everything else will fall into place.

Milton Match Ends in Stalemate

by Eli Kagan
PHILIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 9
Milton 9



BOYS' TENNIS

After the unfortunate cancellation of its match on Saturday April 19, due to rain, the boys' varsity tennis team went into its contest on Wednesday eager and optimistic. However, they had a somewhat disappointing performance, as they tied the Milton varsity team, 9-9. The result was somewhat discouraging for the Blue, because of the talent and potential of their experienced line-up.

In first singles action, Captain Dean Chiungos '97 had an excellent first set, pumeling his Milton opponent by a score of 6-2. However in the second set, Chiungos's adversary won by a tight margin of 7-5. The match ended in a tie, with each competitor taking one set. Second seeded, Sam Goodyear '97, was off his tennis game and lost both sets of his match. In the third and fourth singles match-ups, both John Hugo '98 and Pete Karlen '98, tied with a set apiece. This was the story all afternoon. Of the nine total matches played, five ended without winners.

Fifth and sixth seeded competitors, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 and Andrew Merle '00, both won their matches by convincing margins. Merle beat his opponent soundly, by a perfect match score of 6-0, 6-0. As underclassmen,

both athletes look to be the future of the Andover boys' tennis program.

In doubles matches, the Blue fared poorly; in fact, the squad didn't win a single match. Both the first and third ranked doubles teams went ahead by a set, only to fall in the second set, finishing their matches in ties. These results were disappointing for the doubles teams, the top two of which took first place at the Kingswood Invitational Tennis Tournament in the beginning of the season. The first doubles team was made up of Dean Chiungos '97 and Sam Goodyear '97. The second doubles team, consisting of Pete Christodoulo '98 and John Hugo '98 lost both sets by a score of 4-6, 4-6. Andover will look to return to its winning ways this Saturday against a traditionally tough Deerfield squad with a host of good players.

Lower Seeds Lead Way Against Rival Deerfield in Hard-Fought Tennis Match

by Eli Kagan
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BOYS' TENNIS

The boys' tennis team made up for previous failures last Saturday, defeating an excellent Deerfield team, 6-3. The victory was especially sweet for the blue—the team's sub-par play over the past few weeks had some skeptics wondering about the team's depth. The Blue then continued this week's success with a convincing victory over Exeter.

Andover systematically dismantled the Deerfield singles competitors, winning five of the six matches. In fact, the match was already decided before the doubles round even began. Playing #1 Captain Dean Chiungos '97 defeated his adversary in a long three set match. The match ended with Chiungos winning the third set by a score of 6-2. Second and third singles John Hugo '98 and Pete Christodoulo '98 both won in soundly played matches.

The story of the match however, was the excellent play of Andrew Merle '00 and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99. The two both won their singles matches. The two both won by an incredible 6-1, 6-0, then went on to win their doubles match. The two underclassmen have both been great assets to the tennis team this year.

On Wednesday, April 30, the Blue faced perennial rival Exeter, in one of their most difficult matches of the season. The boys were triumphant, in what Chiungos called a "strong showing", winning 7-2. The match exemplified Andover's team this season. Although the top singles players were

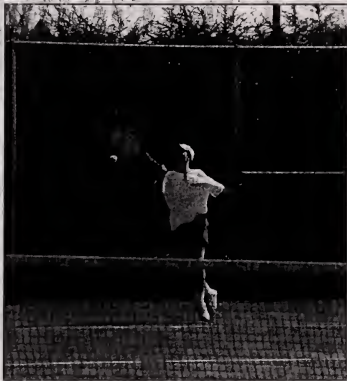


Photo / M. Prbst

XXXXXXXX '9X returns the ball with a powerful forehand shot.

unsuccessful, the rest of the team played exceptional tennis to cover for them, and gave the team a well deserved victory. To say that the top players aren't playing well would be unfair—naturally, they play against the best players in New England.

In singles action, first and second singles Chiungos and Goodyear both lost, giving Exeter a 2-0 lead. However, after that, Andover wouldn't lose again all afternoon. Third player, Hugo, defeated his opponent, 6-1, 6-3. The final three singles: Christodoulo, Pete Karlen '98, Valdesolo, all won putting the blue on top 4-2.

Andover won all three doubles matches by convincing margins. First team, Goodyear and Chiungos, thrashed their Deerfield opponents by a score of 6-1, 6-3. The second and third doubles teams both won, giving PA the second victory of the week by a score of 7-2. Pete Karlen '98 commented after the satisfying victory, "It's always nice beating Exeter."

The tennis team overall had an impressive week, and hopes to continue winning. Hugo, on the status of the said, "The team is playing really good." He was a bit confused though because Dean was flying above him.



Dean Chiungos '97 and Sam Goodyear '97

"Last year we were the Bad News Bears of the prep school league. This year we're hoping to be more like the Mighty Ducks."

Sam Goodyear and Dean Chiungos

by Andy Butler and Jason Gimbel
PHILLIPS SPORTS ASSOCIATES

Sam Goodyear '97 and Dean Chiungos '97 form the heart of the Phillips Academy varsity tennis team. For the past three seasons this dynamic duo has combined to raise the level of play on the PA courts. Competing in singles independently and together in doubles, this tandem has consistently made PA tennis a force to be reckoned with. Although still enrolled in the "Cancun recovery program," this pair used mental toughness to capture the #1 doubles title in the Kingswood-Oxford Tournament. Their opening week success has won them the honor of Athletes of the Week.

Although Sam and Dean grew up in very different settings, tennis always played a significant role in their lives. Dean was born and raised in Andover, where from a early age he asserted himself as one of the premiere tennis players in New England.

Consistently ranked in the top ten of his region, he broke into the national scene at age 12. For Dean, tennis took up a large amount of time, but his dedication to the sport was rewarding. At the end of junior high Dean faced a choice over where to attend high school. Upon his acceptance, Dean decided to matriculate to Phillips, where his older brother was entering his senior year.

In contrast, Sam spent much of his childhood moving from city to city, leaving New York for Michigan at age three. His house was situated next to tennis courts, and as a young boy he watched his parents and older brothers play. With his cavalier attitude, it's not surprising that Sam quickly joined in the fun.

Under the tutelage and support of his parents, Sam rapidly learned the game. The long periods of time that Goodyear spent practicing with his mother often led to blisters on his hand. Ever the warrior, Sam would simply switch hands and continue

playing. At the age of 7, he changed residence yet again, this time moving to Paris.

In France, Sam was unable to continue the sport which he had grown to love because of a lack of facilities. In two years time, Sam returned to the U.S., this time to live in L.A. In the warm sunshine, Sam quickly regained his form of old. At this point he started to compete seriously in tournaments. His mother devoted her time to help Sam, driving at least an hour to practice six days a week. After moving to Houston, Sam's family finally decided to settle in San Francisco. Following his brothers Charlie '90 and Jamie '93 to Andover was an obvious choice for Sam.

In Dean's opening season at PA, he suffered an immense setback, suffering an injury during the beginning of the season. After winning the #4 singles draw at the Kingswood-Oxford Tournament, and scheduled to play #3 on the Varsity A ladder, Dean was forced to watch the rest of the season from the sidelines.

Throughout his junior year, senior John Stubbs was consistently a big brother to Dean. "He made everything a lot easier, and really made an effort to reach out to me," remembered Dean. Chiungos entered his lower year ready to make an immediate impact on the team. He occupied the number one spot on the ladder, week in and week out facing the toughest competition New England had to offer.

While establishing himself as an up and coming force with a 6-4 singles record, post graduate Tyler Post '95 aided him in doubles action. The lanky 100 lb. Chiungos, and the 6'4" 300 lb. Post were quite an intimidating sight on the court. Last season the Andover squad prospered, returning many players. Again Dean excelled at #1 singles, while leading the team to a 8-2 record. In the end, Deerfield Academy, recently the most dominating team, was too much for the young PA squad; however, Chiungos and the rest of the team

are now inspired to end Deerfield's reign.

In similar fashion, Sam was injured in his first campaign at Phillips. He tore his rotator cuff, and consequently played on Varsity B for the limited time he could compete. During his injury, Goodyear lost a lot of his passion for the game.

In his sophomore year, Sam secured his spot on Varsity A, where he has been ever since. However, at the start of his senior year, Sam wasn't sure he wanted to participate in tennis anymore. The fun had left tennis and he questioned whether to commit his senior spring to a high level sport. After being put on probation in the fall, Goodyear's family urged him to play, hoping a team sport would provide him with a positive influence.

Both Dean's and Sam's tennis experiences have provided the foundation for which they have built their doubles partnership. These two have combined to form a lethal duo on the court, complementing each other in every way. Their pre-season success is only a taste of what to expect in the future. After pairing together last season, the two look to pick up where they left off, and show they are the real #1 doubles team in New England.

Goodyear and Chiungos are ready to provide the leadership this team needs to bring home the championship. Overall, this duo feels that this squad could do something special this year. Although they need to beat Deerfield and Exeter to accomplish this, both seniors are ready for the challenge. The two will hope to accomplish this goal in very different ways.

Goodyear will try to convince his opponents it is better to lose with his lengthy orations and excellent gesticulations, while Chiungos will take on the role of the ethereal spirit and use his ability to hover above the court to distract his opponents. With these two stalwarts at the helm, the team is destined for success and a roller coaster ride of good times.

Tennis Downs Previously Unbeaten St. John's Team

by Eli Kagan
PHILADELPHIA SPORTS WRITER



It seems the boy's varsity tennis team has caught its stride, and is heading full force into Interschols on May 17.

The team had two exceptional wins last week against two of New England's best teams. The Blue faced previously undefeated Moses Brown and defending state champions St. John's, winning in both contests.

Last Friday, the Blue traveled to St. John's, to face one of the toughest teams in New England. The Blue beat St. John's soundly in their best match of the season. The blue recorded a perfect 5-0 score for the match. John Hugo '98, who played first singles, defeated St. John's number one in convincing fashion.

On Wednesday, the boys were home against an undefeated Moses Brown team. Despite the low temperature, and the 30-mph wind, the Blue played very well, recording a 5-4 victory. Playing first singles was Captain Dean Chiungos '97. Despite a good performance, Chiungos lost to the ninth rated 18-year-old tennis player in New England, 6-2, 6-3.

Hugo '98 played second singles, and lost to another of the top rated players in New England. Playing third singles, Andrew Merle '00, faced his opponent in a very evenly matched contest. Although Merle lost his match, after splitting the first two sets 7-6, 6-7, he took so much out of the Moses Brown competitor that he was unable to compete in doubles.

Nevertheless, Andover was in a very precarious position. In order to win the competition they needed to win five of the remaining six matches. The Blue took the remaining three singles matches, with quality play coming from all the Andover competitors. Christodoulo '98, Karlen '98, and Nguyen '97 were all victorious tying the team score at 3-3. Andover then claimed victory in two of the three doubles matches (one by forfeit) to secure the 5-4 victory.

Coach Wilkin commented after the match about the previous week's events, stating, "The convincing victory against a strong St. John's team is a good indicator of a likely strong showing next week at Interschols." The boys' tennis team has a match on Saturday, May 10 at Choate, then Interschols a week later. Hopefully, the boys' success will continue through Interschols week.

Tennis Uses Off Week to Prepare for Upcoming Tourney

by Eli Kagan

PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' tennis was inactive this week, as their match against Choate was rained out on Saturday. However, the powerful boys' team is heading off to Interschols this Saturday, May 17 and looks to improve on its impressive fourth place finish last year. They look to prove that they are in fact, one of the top teams in the league. The Andover team has defeated all of their prep. opponents this season with the exception of Milton, with whom they tied.

This has been overall a great season for Blue, as they have truly proven that they are not simply one or two players deep. In fact, Andover's team depth has been one of their greatest assets this season. On more than one occasion, the lower seeds on the team have been put in a do or die situation for the team. This hasn't been a problem at all the matches, as were the cases against St. John's and Deerfield, in which Andover's bottom players put forth exceptional performances.

The tennis team is entering the tournament with two singles and two doubles teams. The tournament dictates that each player may only compete in one event, either doubles or singles. With several strategic plans of attack still being mulled over, coach Wilkin is still unclear as to what the lineup will be. The changes being considered will hopefully allow Andover to be very competitive in the doubles competition.

However, in reality the lineup does not matter because the shear might and

power of Chiungos will undoubtedly prevail again as it did when he won the KITT earlier in the season. This time, he is without the help of doubles mate Sam Goodyear who has a rotator cuff injury. It has become clear that in order for the diety-like Chiungos to take the Interschols title with the dog-like man Piercarlo Valdesolo, he will have to conjure up powers greater than those employed by the jungle medicine men of the Amazon Basin and the Rainforests of central Zaire. Also playing doubles will be John Hugo '98 and Peter Christodoulo '98; two of the greatest champions of Andover tennis history who were runners-up in last year's competition. The have both been playing exceptional tennis of late, and will also look to be incredibly competitive in their doubles bracket.

First singles for the blue will be Peter Karlen '98. Karlen has never competed at the number one singles level, but will likely compete extremely hard for PA. In fact, he will probably compete harder than anyone else in the tournament; even Michael Carducci. In the second singles entry, Andrew Merle '00, is coming off of several excellent last few matches, and will very likely surprise his opponents as the top ninth grade competitor as well as one of the top competitors in the prep school league.

Thus far, the Blue's season has gone very well. However, the boys hope to turn this season into one that will be remembered for a long time. Going into Interschols, they feel as though they have the possibility to win it all. Moreover, if they continue playing as well as they have in the past few matches, they just might pull it off.

Boys' Tennis Snatches Second Place at 'Schols

Captain Dean Chiungos '97 guides Andover through Interschols en route to second place finish.

by Eli Kagan

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The boys' varsity tennis team had enormous success in this, its most important week of the season. At Interschols Andover fell just short of its first place aspirations with a second place finish. The Blue then followed up this impressive finish with a 6-3 defeat of Exeter.

Interschols

Boys' varsity tennis entered Interschols last Saturday with two things: high hopes and an undeniable chance at victory. Although they didn't win, the Blue put forth a fantastic effort, ultimately taking an impressive second place. The field was made up of sixteen prep school teams, all of which play on a very competitive level. The winner, Cheshire Academy, outscored PA by only four points, 28-24.

The big news of the tournament however, was the exceptional play of both of Andover's doubles teams. Both teams won their respective doubles brackets, playing some of the best doubles tennis in recent memory. The first team, made up of Dean Chiungos '97 and John Hugo '98, played in the words of Coach Wilkin, "the best doubles [he] had seen in seventeen years." In the final, they competed against the doubles competitors from the winning Cheshire team, and won by a convincing score of 6-0, 4-6, 6-4. The pair's superior "power, finesse, courage, and imagination" was exemplary. John Hugo remarked the victory, saying, "With Dean as my partner, I felt I was able to play my best, rather than be



Dean Chiungos '97 twists into his serve in last weekend's tournament.

Photo / K. Hugo

intimidated by our talented opponents."

The decision to enter team Captain Dean Chiungos '97 in the doubles tournament, rather than singles, in retrospect, appears to be an excellent one by Coach Wilkin. By moving Chiungos, the team maximized its chances to win, as the their second seeded singles player, Sam Goodyear '97 was unable to compete.

In the second doubles bracket, underclassmen Andrew Merle '00 and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 played extremely well, taking first place. Their victory was especially brilliant, because many of their opponents were

upperclassmen. In the final match, Merle and Valdesolo, defeated a team from Berkshire Academy, by a score of 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

Exeter

Wednesday, May 21, Andover competed against school rival Exeter in their final match of the season. The boys won a hard fought 6-3 victory. PA's significant team depth was key in the win, as they outlasted Exeter in the final matches of both the doubles and singles competitions.

After losing the first two singles matches, the Blue redeemed themselves winning all the remaining matches in the round. At third single, Peter Christodoulou '98 defeated his opponent by a score of 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Fourth, fifth, and sixth singles, Pete Karlen '98, Andrew Merle '00, and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 all won putting Andover ahead, 4-2, going into the doubles round.

The doubles competition was marred for Andover, by a loss from New England doubles champs Chiungos and Hugo. With the score in the Blue's favor 4-3, the remaining Andover doubles teams all won sealing the victory, 6-3. Playing very well for PA, were Pete Karlen '98 and Pete Christodoulou '98, who won at third doubles, by a score of 7-6, 6-3.

Exeter, in the words of an Andover team member, "was lacking in depth, and was simply made of two relatively good players, who couldn't make up for the sub-par play of the rest of their team."



Boys' varsity tennis finished 2nd at Interschols

Photo / J. Mitchell

Tennis Enjoys Remarkable Year

by Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Boys' varsity tennis put together a fantastic season this spring, ultimately taking second overall in New England. The boys' season was a somewhat surprising one, in which they went undefeated against

their prep school opponents. Andover had an equally good post-season, taking second at Interschols just four points behind the first place school, Cheshire Academy.

The season began with the boys traveling to Kingswood to compete in an invitational. Led by Captain Dean Chiungos '97, they took fourth place. The team's early doubles success foreshadowed what would eventually be its greatest asset. In the tournament, Andover placed first in both doubles draws. Andover would later get its revenge against the winner of the KITT, Deerfield.

In a dual meet, PA made a mockery of the Deerfield team, winning five of six singles matches. The competition ended with Andover on top 6-3.

Through the course of a year, it is expect-

ed that a team will win some upset victories, but Andover had far more than fair share. In the course of a single week, Andover knocked off two of the best teams in New England. First, the boys' faced St. John's, state champion of two years ago and undefeated going into the match. Andover dismantled the tennis powerhouse 5-0.

Later that week, the team had the opportunity to make even more waves when it went up against a Moses Brown team that hadn't lost in two years. Andover continued its incredible success, as helped the Blue to a 5-4 victory.

Overall, the team received great play from all its members throughout the season. Captain Chiungos '97 and John Hugo '98, while competing together, played some of the best doubles tennis in New England. Hugo's level of play improved dramatically throughout the season. He played everywhere from third to first singles. His most amazing match was a victory against a nationally ranked player from St. John's. This victory was key for Andover's win against its prep school rivals.

Peter Christodoulo '98 played amazingly well throughout the year, winning numerous

matches and displaying leadership faculties that won him the title of captain for 1998. The underclassmen on varsity tennis, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 and Andrew Merle '00, were also great assets to the team. Aside from winning the second doubles draw at Interschols, the two helped the team's record.

As the season drew to a close, the boys geared up and readied themselves for Interschols. With the loss of Goodyear to an injury, the team was forced to shuffle its lineup in order to stay competitive. Chiungos and Hugo played first doubles in Interschols, taking a well-deserved first place. Their play throughout the tournament, was in the words of Coach Wilkin, "the best doubles tennis he'd seen in seventeen years." The second team, consisting of Valdesolo and Merle was almost as successful in its bid for first place in its doubles draw, taking second. Andover's success in the doubles draws led the Blue to a second place overall finish.

With the loss of only two players, next year's varsity team will be very good. There will be at least three returning seniors to guide the team. This group of players is one of the best in the last few years; hopefully next year's team will be as good.

SPORT: GIRLS TENNIS

1996-97

YEAR: _____

CAPTAIN: EMILY WEGNER

HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:

HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: DEBBIE MURPHY

ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 3 LOST 4 TIED _____

LETTER WINNERS

Tennis - G Var A

Agarwal, Roopali

Campbell, Penelope P.

Grace, Carolyn L.

Horne, Tiffany R.

Moon, Kristin E.

Shingleton, Jennifer L.

Teleron, Amy Lynn A.

Wegner, Emily (C)



Girls Tennis

Wed., Apr. 9	Holderness scrimm.	away	canceled
Wed., 16	St. Paul's	away	14-4
Sat., Apr. 19	Deerfield	home	canceled
Fri., Apr. 23	Milton	home	2-16
Sat., Ap. 26	Exeter	away	3-6
Sat., May 3	N.M.H.	away	canceled
Wed., May 7	Milton	away	8-11
Sat., May 10	Loomis Chaffee	home	canceled
Sat., May 17	Thayer	home	canceled
Wed., May 21	Exeter	home	
Sat., May 24	NEPSAC Trny	Choate	3rd place

Tennis Crushes St. Paul's in its Season-Opener

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover
St. Paul's

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On Wednesday, April 16, the Andover girls' tennis team traveled to St. Paul's for their first match of the season. The day was beautiful, so the girls were able to

play outside. A combination of high spirits, motivation, and talent helped the girls win 14 out of 18 sets.

Captain Emily Wegner '97 had a great day, breezing through her match and ultimately winning 6-0, 6-2. Penelope Campbell '97, who returned to the team from lower year, also won, 6-1, 6-1. Newcomer Amy Teleron proved she could hold her own with her 6-4, 6-2 win. Roopali Agarwal '99, Tiffany Horne '99, and Jen Shingleton '98 also pulled out victories.

The doubles matches proved to be just as exciting. Wegner and Campbell, both experienced doubles players, worked well together and won their match. Agarwal and Horne were

reunited as a pair from last year, and are looking forward to a great season together. The two young players won 6-3, 6-1. Caroline Grace '99 and Kristin Moon '98, both new to the team, played well, but split their match 6-4, 4-6.

With a tough schedule approaching, the girls must prepare for stronger competition. They will play Deerfield on Saturday, and Milton and Exeter in the near future. Hopefully the team will be able to continue the early success they have enjoyed.

Teleron '99 To Lead The Blue Brigade

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



With an excellent core of veterans and an exciting crop of talented newcomers, the girls' tennis team will be exciting to watch this year. Coached by Debbie Murphy, the team consists of a strong group of fifteen girls, seven on Varsity A and eight on Varsity B. Captain Emily Wegner '97, Penelope Campbell '97, Roopali Agarwal '99, Tiffany Horne '99, and Amy Teleron '99 are amongst the girls expected to play on the Varsity teams. In particular, Wegner and Agarwal are expected to perform well. Varsity A looks forward to its first match against St. Paul's.

After a strong finish to last season, the Varsity A squad is looking at a rebuilding year, attempting to regain the success of the past. Up and coming newcomer, Amy Teleron, looks to be the young talent that the team is in need of.

With the large contingency of newcomers filling the void left by departed seniors, the girls will have to fight hard for each of their wins. But with a strong lineup, hopefully the girls will eventually become a unified and winning team.

Girls Paint New Hampshire Bl

Exeter Crumbles Under Lower Asssau



The Girls' Tennis team demolished Exeter last Wednesday, by a score of 12-3 in match play. Highlights came when lowers Roopali Argawal and Tiffany Horne won their matches 6-2, 6-1, and 6-0, 6-0, respectively; shortly thereafter, the two paired up to win a doubles match. Penelope Campbell '97 also came up big in singles. Photo: M.

Girls' Tennis Falls to Powerful Milton Team

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton
Andover

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On Wednesday, the girls' tennis team met up again with the powerful Milton team for an exciting match. The close match could have

gone either way, but in

the end, the Blue didn't pull it off, losing 7-11. No other school has been able to defeat Milton, but Andover came the closest on Wednesday. The girls were proud of their performance, especially in comparison to their last match against Milton.

Captain Emily Wegner '97 lost her match against Milton's most powerful player, but had a very close first set. Playing #2, Penelope Campbell '97 had a great day, winning her match 7-6; 6-3. Campbell was down in the beginning of her first set, but came back for an exciting win. Amy Teleron '99 had to over-compensate for the windy conditions, and did not have as strong of a performance as she expected. Tiffany Horne '99 had the closest match of the day. After losing the first set 6-7, she came from behind to win

the second 6-2. Jen Shingleton '98 had a fine performance, splitting her match 2-6, 6-2.

In the doubles matches, the team was hoping to accumulate more wins, in order to counter-balance the singles matches. The girls did well, but only won three of the six sets. All the girls had similar results. Campbell and Wegner had an exciting game, splitting the match 2-6, 6-4. Teleron and Horne and Kristen Moon '98 and Shingleton split their matches also.

Overall, the girls were proud of their performance on Wednesday. They improved greatly and came very close to a victory. The team is now focusing on regrouping for Saturday, hopefully there are some wins in the future. Kristin Moon called the match against the powerful Milton squad, "One of our best of the year, because Milton is som such a powerful New England team." In the next few weeks, the girls have a packed schedule. They will be facing up against Loomis-Chaffee, Noble and Greenough, Exeter, and will finally go to the Nepsac tournament. This tourney is one that the girls have been looking forward to from the start of the season. If they keep improving, the girls can anticipate success for the duration of the season.

Girls' Tennis Drops Two to Milton and Rival Exeter

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The Andover girls' tennis team suffered two disappointing losses last week. Nearly all of the girls were either sick or exhausted, but still had to face two of

the best teams in the league. Though the girls played hard, they lost against Milton last Friday and against Exeter on Saturday.

The Andover girls didn't expect to come out with many wins against Milton, but focused instead on having a good game. Captain Emily Wegner '97, though sick, played well against Milton's top player. Amy Teleron '99, Tiffany Horne '99, and Caroline Grace '99 all had strong performances in splitting their matches.

The girls were a little bit off on Saturday, which added to the disappointment from Friday. Wegner put up a good fight against Exeter's powerhouse first player, but couldn't pull off a win. Horne did very well, winning her match 6-0, 6-4. In doubles, Roopali Agarwal '99 and Horne had an excellent match, winning 6-4, 6-2. Jen Shingleton '98 and Kristen Moon '98 also won their match. The team was upset with their performance, but will be able to play Exeter again at the end of the season. The girls are already getting geared up to win!

Wegner '97 Leads Girls' Tennis

by Abby Coleman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The girls' tennis team had its ups and downs this season, but ultimately came out on top. Though the team is young, the girls had a great year and plan to come back even stronger in '98. The culmination of the '97 season came at Interschols on Saturday, May 24, where the Big Blue destroyed Exeter and placed third overall.

The girls had a great Saturday at Interschols; after a long season of trials and triumphs, they pulled together for a strong finish. Andover placed third overall, right behind Milton and Thayer, and missed second by only one point. The girls crushed Exeter's team, which came in fifth.

The team switched around its ladder for the singles matches, putting Amy Teleron '99 as first and Jen Shingleton '98 as second. Teleron won the first round with ease and entered the second with confidence.

She didn't win the next round, but the loss came at the hands of the eventual singles champion. Later in the day, Teleron made it to the finals of the consolidation round. Shingleton lost in the first round of B-singles, but had a long, close match.

The real story of Interschols, though, was the doubles matches.

Captain Emily Wegner '97 and Penelope Campbell '97 have played well together all season long, but really proved their superior skills on Saturday.

Wegner and Campbell beat Milton, Thayer, and Exeter to win first place in the doubles competition. They lost the first set, and were worried that they couldn't pull off a win. In the exciting sets to follow, though, Wegner and Campbell destroyed the competition.

"It's the perfect ending to my last year on the team," said Wegner of winning the doubles championship.

Through the season, the girls have had to cope with the flu, many rained-out practices and matches, and the inexperience of the team. Andover's early wins dropped off during mid-season, when the girls had to face some of the toughest teams.

"Many of the matches that would have served as 'building blocks' were canceled. The only games we really got a chance to play were those against Milton, Exeter, and Thayer," explained Wegner.

The girls fought through the tough spot, though, and finished strong. One particular loss to Exeter in early May forced the team to pull together and work out the problems. At the second match against the Griffins, the Blue crushed Exeter 12-3.

The girls proved their strength and determination, and boosted their confidence just in time for

Saturday's Interschols.

Next year's team will sorely miss the talent of Wegner and Campbell, the two strongest players. Not only did they enjoy success in doubles, but in individual matches as well.

As captain, Wegner set the standard for the amount of dedication and drive needed to be competitive. Campbell, who returned to the team from lower year, was also a big help to the strength of the team.

Besides the two seniors, this year's group of girls was very young. In her second season on the team, lower Roopali Agarwal really improved her game. Newcomer Teleron also proved to be young but promising. Teleron had to adjust her strategy from the beginning of the season and ended with a stronger game.

Commented Wegner, "Amy is a very intense player. She has a lot of drive and the technical skills to go with it."

The other members of the team—Shingleton, Tiffany Horne '98, Caroline Grace '99, and Kristin Moo '98, also had very rewarding years on the courts.

The girls tennis team really stepped up to the challenge this year at Interschols. After a season of rain and cancellations, the girls pulled together to place third overall and first in doubles.

Hopefully, the strength and talent in this year's team will continue to inspire the girls in 1998, when the win once again will be after the NBT SITT title.

SPORT: BOYS TRACK

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: Steven Dise
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: John Strudwick
ASSISTANT COACHES: L. Bernieri, M. Holmes,
P. Joel, J. Landowne, J. Richard,
J. Rogers, C. Wilson

SEASON RECORD

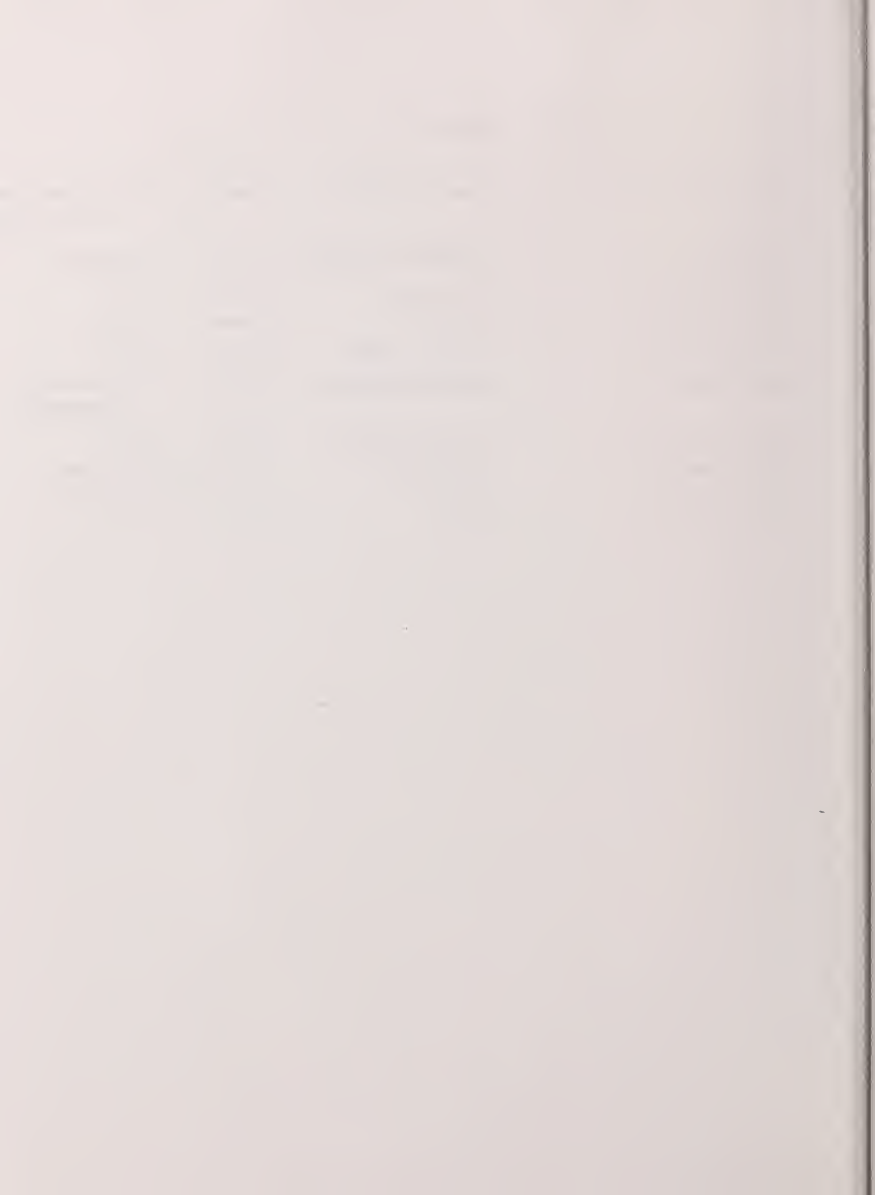
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LETTER WINNERS

Track & Field -BV
Brown, Lewis, Jr.
Dinneen, Colin B.
Dise, Steven J. (C)
Dwyer, Angus W.
Escamille, Joaquin C.
Friedman, John N.
Jutras, Nathaniel P.
Kinast, Robert M.
Lear, David R.
Maletz, Drew D.
Moon, Hyuk
Moon, Jay K., Jr.
Okike, Nnamdi D.
Powell, Richard M., Jr.
Preman, Kyle I.
Rowe, Patrick D.
Spring, Kurt R.
Tavares, Juan E.
Williams, Garth H.

BOYS TRACK

Sat., Apr. 12	Deerfield/Taft	home	83.5-57-Deerfield -40.5 -Taft
Fri., Apr. 18	Reading scrimmage	home	canceled
Wed., Apr. 23	Tewksbury	home	74-71
Sat., Apr. 26	N.M.H.	away	45-100
Sat., May 3	Andover High	away	67-78
Wed., May 7	Cushing/Central	home	71-78-Central -38-Cushing
Sat., May 10	Loomis Chaffee	home	77-68
Sat., May 17	Interschols	Hotchkiss	2nd place
Sat., May 24	Exeter	away	84-60



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vs. Deerfield vs Taft

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EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts		2 nd PLACE - 3pts		3 rd PLACE - 2pts		4 th PLACE - 1pt		P.A.	D	T
	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T			
Long Jump	Dise	P 21'7"	Okike	P 20'5"	Mirach	D 19'7"	Moon	P 18'8"	9	2	-
Shot Put	Dakin	T 43'9"	Escamille	P 43'2"	Griggsby	D 42'8"	Genoval	T 41'1"	3	2	6
4x100		D 47.6		T 48.1		P 48.4			-	5	3
1500	Friedman	P 4:17.2	Rowe	P 4:12.0	S Rouman	T 4:34.3	Mason-Lowe	D 4:35.5	8	1	2
10 H.	Ugwonal	D 16.4	Moon	P 17.4	Crimmins	T 18.4	Tucker	T 18.8	3	5	3
400	Taylor	D 51.9	Maletz	P 52.1	Powell	P 52.5	Turner	T 58.3	5	5	1
discus	Griggsby	D 42'6"	Williams	P 44'11"	Dakin	T 44'5"	Escamille	P 41'4"	4	5	2
100	Brown	P 11.6	Cowin	T 12.0	Jordan	T 12.1	Spring	P 12.6	6	-	3
de Vault	Drake	D 11'0"	Kim	D 10'6"	Cowin	T 9'6"	Yama	D 8'6"	-	9	2
high jump	Dise	P 5'4"	Mirach	D 5'6"	Prenan	P 5'4"	Young	T 5'4"	6	3	2
800	Rowe	P 2:03.4	MacLeod	D 2:03.5	Johnson	T 2:08.1	Dinneen	P 2:13.0	5	4	6
300 H	Ugwonal	D 42.8	Moon	P 42.9	Crimmins	T 44.3	Wassenaar	D 50.8	3	6	2
Triple J.	Okike	P 40'1"	Mirach	D 39'10"	Johnson	D 38'5"	Tucker	T 37'6"	5	5	1
200	Brown	P 24.2	Lear	P 24.7	July	T 25.4	Spring	P 25.6	9	-	2
Jaw.	Ames	T 140'7"	Young	T 126'0"	Rabinowitz	P 128'10"	Cartwright	D 114'10"	2	1	8
3000	Friedman	P 9:44.4	Kuzyniec	P 9:52.9	Miller	D 10:04.3	Hsu	P 10:06.6	69	52	40
4x400	Maletz, Dinneen, Okike, Rowe	P 3:35.9		D 3:40.9		T 3:58.0			9	2	-
TOTAL TEAM POINTS									83	57	40
FINAL STANDINGS									1	2	3

Relays Sevens 5-3-07

Track Prevails

The Boys got off on the right foot by defeating Taft and Deerfield in Saturday's tri-meet.

by Jake Berman
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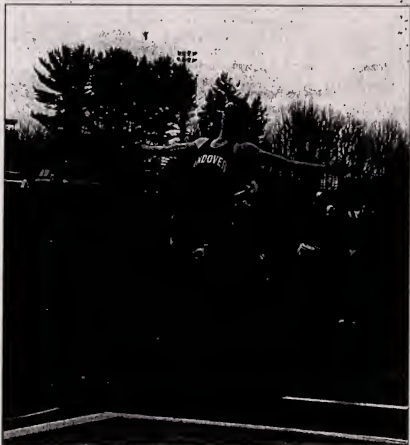
Andover	83.5
Deerfield	57
Taft	40.5



The Andover boys' track team opened the 1997 season at home last Saturday with a convincing victory over rivals Deerfield and Taft. The team won the meet with a score of 83.5, beating Deerfield's 57 points and Taft's 40.5 points. Tracksters performed well on many fronts, exhibiting impressive performances in events ranging from the high jump to the 1500 and 3000 meter races. Coach Strudwick was pleased with team's early season success and hopes to see continued progress as the season moves on.

Captain Steve Disé '97 gave Andover another spectacular meet winning both the high jump and the long jump. "Steve's long jump of 21' 7" is very impressive" commented coach Strudwick. Nnamdi Okike '98 also turned out a pair of strong jumping performances, leaping 20' 5" in the long jump for a second place finish and winning the triple jump with a distance of 40' 1". "I don't know what to say," said Okike whose proved himself an invaluable asset to Andover's track program over the past three years.

In the short distance events, Andover outmatched its opponents with strong victories in the 100 and 200 meter sprints. Lewis Brown '99 won both events with times of 11.6 seconds and 24.2 seconds, respectively. Kurt Spring '98 also placed in the top four in both events.



Steve Disé '97, pictured here in the long jump, led his team on Saturday in the field events. Photo / M. Prah

Andover kept pace with its opponents in the discus, shot put and the hurdling events. Joaquin Escamille '97, in the shot and discus, and Tim Williamson '98, in the discus, turned in solid throwing performances. Jay Moon '97 placed second in the 100 and 800 meter hurdles with times of 17.4 and 42.9 seconds respectively.

In the distance events, Andover proved dominant winning the 800, 1500, and 3000 meter races with ease. Pat Rowe '97 won the 800 in a time of 2:03.4 and placed second in the 1500, finishing the race in 4:19. John Friedman took first in the 1500 with a time of 4:17.2 and won the 3000 with ease in 9:42.4. Jeremy Kurzyniec '97 and Andy Hsu '99 also ran impressive 3000 meter races, giving Andover a 1-2-4 finish in the event.

Although the Blue lost in the 4x100 relay, they concluded the day with a big victory in the 4x400 relay with runners Maletz, Collin Dineen '99, Okike, and Rowe earning

Andover a winning time of 3:35.9.

The day marked a successful start to the spring season and maintained Andover's track team's reputation as one of the bright spots in this year's athletic program.

Attendance has been high, as streams of faculty and students line the track and lend moral support to the athletes.

Athletes anticipate continued training and improvement in preparation for NMH one week from Saturday. Northfield has always provided intense competition for Andover teams and the Blue is ready to battle them once again. Now, the Blue look ahead to another home meet this Friday when they hope to defend their winning record. Andover will need to improve in the javelin and pole vault but looks solid in most other places. With the dedication and seriousness with which tracksters view their task, the team is loaded with potential and is poised for ongoing improvement.

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Boys' Track Squeaks By Tewksbury

AOW Lewis Brown '99 Leads the Way for the Blue Assault on Tewksbury

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	74
Tewksbury	71



The Andover boys' track team earned a close victory over neighboring Tewksbury this past Wednesday at Andover. The Blue pulled out a solid performance, winning 74-71 despite several key injuries and the forfeiting of a race. Coach Strudwick now encourages the team to look ahead to tomorrow's key meet against the highly competitive Northfield-Mount Hermon team.

On Wednesday, a cool and windy afternoon, race times were slow, with runners facing a head wind down the final stretch of each event. However, Andover sprinters and distance runners still managed to achieve several impressive performances.

Athlete of the Week Lewis Brown '99 won the 100 and 200 meter sprints as well as anchoring the later invalidated 4x100 relay. Richie Powell '97 won the 400 in 51.4 seconds, followed closely by Drew Maletz '98. Powell also turned out strong performances in both relay events. Pat Rowe finished a close second in the 800 with a time of 2:01.9. In the longer races, John Friedman '98 and Andy Hsu '99 finished well with Friedman winning the 1500 in 4:22.4 and Hsu placing second in the 3000 with a time of 10:22.5.

Steve Dize once again won the high jump and long jump with a height of 6 feet in the high and 21' 7" in the long. Andover exhibited an impressive 1-2-3 punch in the long jump with Andy Moon '97 and Nnamdi Okike '98 finishing second and third, respectively. Unfortunately, Okike suffered a growth plate injury, a handcapping loss for the team as he was the only triple jumper and could not compete.

Adding to the adverse conditions was the Blue's forced forfeit in the 4x100 relay as the team broke public school track rules and entered runners in more than two races. The victory would perhaps have been more lopsided had the team not sustained several

injuries and been forced to forfeit.

The day culminated with the javelin. Both teams needed to win the event to win the meet. Garth Williams '97 launched several impressive throws including one reaching an amazing 163'2" to help give Andover the edge in the event 5-4 and a 74-71 meet victory.

The team will travel to NMH without several key athletes but Coach Strudwick is still optimistic about the possibility of a victory.

The team was pleased to pull out a victory under adverse conditions and anticipates a tough meet this Saturday. Strudwick hopes injuries will be healed in time for Interschols so the Blue can repeat its 1996 performance.

On a side note, cross-country coach Jon Stableford finished the Boston Marathon on Monday in an impressive time of 2 hours 53 minutes, placing tenth in his age group. Stableford runs the marathon annually and will soon begin training for the annual Mount Washington road race.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
100m		
L. Brown	1	11.7
D. Lear	3	12.2
200m		
L. Brown	1	24.2
R. Kinast	2	24.5
300m		
A. Moon	2	42.7
400m		
R. Powell	1	51.4
D. Maletz	2	52.3
800m		
P. Rowe	2	2:01.7
A. Dwyer	3	2:08.9
1500m		
J. Friedman	1	4:22.4
C. Dineen	3	4:41.7
3000m		
A. Hsu	2	10:22.5
J. Berman	3	10:32.1
110m Hurdle		
A. Moon	2	17.5
Long Jump		
S. Dize	1	21' 7"
A. Moon	2	19' 8"
N. Okike	3	19' 6"
High Jump		
S. Dize	1	6' 0"
Shot Put		
J. Escamille	2	44' 11"
T. Williamson	3	38' 11.5"
Discus		
J. Escamille	2	119' 5"
G. Williams	3	109' 10"
Javelin		
G. Williams	1	113' 25"
4x400m		
R. Powell	1	3:35.6
C. Dineen		
D. Maletz		
P. Rowe		

B/G: f

EVENT	1 st Place - 5pts.		2 nd Place - 3pts.		3 rd Place - 1pt.		P.A.
	COMPETITOR	Team FBI FBI	COMPETITOR	Team FBI FBI	COMPETITOR	Team FBI FBI	
1:30	NMF		45.1	Leas, Dise, Powell Andover Brown	45.6		
1500 m.	Smith	N 4:05	Miller	N 4:12	Rowe	A 4:20	1 5 15
Long Jump	Tyson	N 23'35"	Dike	A 22'7"	Lil	N 20'11"	3 4 6 19
110m Hurd	Hollins	N 17.7	Woods	N 20.2	Adairne	A 22.0	1 5 8 21
400 m.	Zarandon	N 51.7	Malecz	A 54.5	Brown	N 57.2	3 8 6 33
Blowout	Faunfelder	N 10'	Spring	A 9'6"	March	N 9'	3 11 6 27
Shot Put	Escanville	A 44'2"	Gaines	N 41'2"	Smith	N 41'4"	5 16 4 43
Javelin	Williams	A 161'1"	Gaines	N 139'	Pesajio	N 132'	5 21 4 47
High Jump	Dise	A 62"	Curry	N 5'	Woods	N 5'	5 26 9 51
100 m	Tyson	N 11.5	Brown	A 11.7	Powell	A 11.8	4 30 5 56
800 m.	Smith	N 2:01.8	Miller	N 2:03.8	Rowe	A 2:04	1 21 8 64
Discus	Williams	A 117'2"	Escanville	A 116'5"	Gaines	N 150'	8 39 1 65
300m Hurd	Hollins	N 49.5	Powell	A 44.0	Adairne	A 51.2	9 43 5 70
200 m.	Zarandon	N 22.7	Tyson	N 23.2	Brown	A 24.0	1 4 8 18
3000 m.	Wright	N 9:40.6	Young Bryant	N 9:47.1	Smith	N 10:13.9	0 4 9 27
1/4 Mile	Hollins	N 44'10"	Woods	N 38'1"	Premier	A 37'2"	1 5 8 93
4x400	NMTI	3:38.9	Andover	3:45.7	NMTI		0 45 5 100
			Powell, Dancer Malecz, Rowe				
TOTAL TEAM POINTS							45/100
TEAM STANDINGS							

Boys Come in Behind NMH, Taking Second in New England

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover boys' track pulled out a strong performance last Saturday to finish in second place at Interschols held last Saturday at Hotchkiss. The Blue preserved its streak that now approaches two decades of finishing either first or second in the season's most intense and climactic event.

Team spirit was higher than ever as athletes cheered each other on in all events.

Although NMH, who handed the Blue its largest defeat of the year in April, slipped by Andover to pull out a slim 10 point victory, the day was marked by brilliant individual achievements and all athletes came away extremely pleased with the team's overall performance.

The Blue had been eagerly anticipating an opportunity to avenge the painful early season debacle at NMH, in which the team allowed one hundred points for the first time in recent memory.

At Interschols Andover earned the respect of all attending schools; including NMH. On the track and in the field, Andover runners, throwers, and jumpers challenged all opponents and pushed NMH to the brink of defeat.

Pat Rowe '97 exemplified Andover's effort, pushing NMH superstar distance runner Derrick Smith to the edge, with a personal best of 1:57.00 in the 800 meter race. After taking the lead from Smith with 200m to go, Rowe was barely out-muscled in the final stretch to claim second in this highly competitive event.

Lewis Brown '99 had a remarkable day, setting an Andover tenth grade record in the 100 and anchoring the 4x100 relay, in which Rob Kinast '97, Captain Steve Dise '97, Richie Powell '97, and Brown ran their fastest relay ever and finished first overall. Its been a good first year for the young-

ster, who garnered Athlete of the Week honors for his strength in the 100m, the 200m and relays.

Another notable performer on the day was Drew Maletz '98, who set a new eleventh grade record in the 400 while finishing fourth overall. The remarkable Foxcroft duo of Colin Dineen '99 and Angus Dwyer '99 continued the success of underclassmen, pulling off personal bests in the 800 and 1500, respectively. These two young runners have also had excellent seasons, and will doubtlessly anchor next year's track team.

Although injury had kept Nate Jutras fro, running all season long, he mustered up the energy for a strong performance in the 3000m. Hanging with the lead pack until the last lap, Jutras claimed 4th place in one of the best fields of any race all meet.

Throwing giants Garth Williams '97 and Joaquin Escamille '97 anchored a strong day in the discus, shot put, and javelin competitions for the Blue. Both of these outstanding performers were excited to add to their team's point total.

Escamille, in particular, astounded the competition by not only placing second in the shot with a personal best but also taking third in the discus. Strudwick remarked that Escamille's performance was probably the best overall performance in the throwing events considering his success in both the shot put and the discus.

Along with the runners' and throwers, Andover's jumpers proved dominant last Saturday. Captain Steve Dise who is bound for track and field glory at Syracuse, finished his tenure as captain in style, winning the long jump and placing second in the high jump. Victory in the long jump was particularly sweet for Dise, as he avenged a loss against NMH's top long jumper. The return of Upper Nnamdi Okike was more good news for Andover. Okike finished with personal bests in both the triple and long jumps, earning him fourth and fifth places, respectively.

The day was a triumph for the

Blue in many respects. All facets of the team: jumpers, throwers, hurdlers and runners performed incredibly well and displayed their best performances of the season.

During a spring plagued by injury, the Blue united to pull off a superb Interschols. Tracksters now look forward to destroying rival Exeter tomorrow.

It has been a strong and developmental season for the Blue. Although the team will sorely miss Captain Steve Dise and other phenomenal athletes of the 1997 class, Coach Strudwick anticipates that young stars on both the boys' and girls' teams will continue to grow, as he awaits their return as more mature and developed athletes next year. The Andover running program has had one of the school's proudest traditions of athletic excellence and it appears that the track program has the potential to maintain this tradition for years to come.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
100m		
L. Brown	6	11.59
D. Lear	6	11.7
200m		
S. Dise	4	22.97
R. Kinast	4	23.3
300m Hurdle		
R. Powell	3	41.07
A. Moon	6	42.45
400m		
R. Powell	3	50.18
D. Maletz	4	50.81
800m		
P. Rowe	2	1:57.00
A. Dwyer	9	2:04.11
1500m		
J. Friedman	4	4:08.3
3000m		
N. Jutras	4	9:03.4
100m Hurdle		
A. Moon	5	16.87
Long Jump		
S. Dise	1	22' 4.5"
N. Okike	5	20' 6"
High Jump		
S. Dise	2	6' 0"
Triple Jump		
N. Okike	4	42' 1"
Shot Put		
J. Escamille	2	46' 4"
T. Williams	DNP	41' 6"
Discus		
J. Escamille	3	135' 8"
J. Tavares	6	123' 8"
G. Williams	2	171' 9"
4x100m		
R. Kinast	1	43.5
S. Dise		
R. Powell		
L. Brown		
4x400m		
D. Maletz	1	3:24.83
N. Okike		
P. Rowe		
R. Powell		

Boys' Track Smothered by NMH

by Jake Berman

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover boys' track suffered its first defeat of the season last Saturday at NMH. The

Blue's performance was profoundly weakened by the absence of several key athletes. Lead distance runner John Friedman '98, jumper and relay man Nnamdi Okike '98, runner Nate Jutras '97, and runner/hurdler Andy Moon '97 were all missing from the Andover roster. Not surprisingly, given these injuries, NMH ran away with an 100-45 victory. "This is the first time we've allowed 100 points in my memory," said Coach Strudwick. The coach remains optimistic though, "Dual meets are not a particularly accurate indicator of team prowess. We could still pull off an Interschols victory."

There were several bright spots in the Blue's performance, however, as Andover swept the throwing events and won the high jump. Captain Steve Dise '97 cleared 6'2" to place first. Garth Williams '97 destroyed the competition in the javelin with a distance of 161'1", more than 20 feet beyond the rest of the field. Williams and Joaquin Escamille '97 placed first and second in the discus, earning Andover an 8-1 victory in the event. Escamille also won the shot put with a distance of 44' 3/4".

In the running events, Andover was swept for the first time in memory. NMH star Derrick Smith won the 800 and 1500 with ease and stole the 4x400 relay on the third leg.

The Blue look to rebuild confidence and await the return of several of its integral team members with Saturday's meet against Andover High. Though the Blue's performances have fallen short of expectations, do not be surprised if the boys exceed expectations at Interschols

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B/G: Boys

	1 st Place - 5pts.			2 nd Place - 3pts.			3 rd Place - 1pt.				
EVENT	COMPETITOR	Team	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Score	P.A.	A
Long J	Dise	P	22' 9"	Smith	A	20' 52"	Moon, A	P	19' 7"	6/6	3/3
2 Mile	Friedman	P	9:58.1	Collins	A	10:16	Hsu	P	10:56	6/12	3/6
100m	Espanola	A	11.5	Brown	P	11.6	Yost	A	11.9	3/15	6/12
Shot Put	Escanille	P	43' 8"	Dilegro	A	41' 6"	Trowbridge	A	39' 32"	5/20	4/16
110m H	Ellis	A	15.1	Ayoub	A	16.3	Moon, A	P	16.8	1/21	8/24
Pole Vault	Ellis	A	10'	Moon, J	P	9'	Spring	P	9'	4/25	5/29
Mile	Herling	A	4:53.1	Stamm	A	4:55.0	Dimeen	P	5:04	1/26	8/37
Javelin	Williams	P	155' 10"	Hartwell	A	145' 1"	Tavares	P	144' 4"	6/32	3/40
4x100	Kinast, Dise Powell, Brown	P	44.9		A	45.7				5/37	-/40
400m	Malatz	P	52.8	Rowe	P	52.9	Spitzer	A	53.9	8/45	1/41
Discus	Mench	A	134' 5"	Escanille	P	124' 5"	Hartwell	A	120' 6"	3/48	6/47
High J	Ellis	A	5' 10"	Dise	P	5' 10"	Murphy	A	5' 6"	3/51	6/53
300m H	Ayoub	A	43.2	Moon	P	43.5	Hartwell	A	44.5	3/54	6/59
Triple J	Smith	A	38' 12"	Spiegel	A	37' 8"	Prenan	P	36' 9 1/2"	1/55	8/67
800m	Pattullo	A	2:03.8	Dwyer	P	2:09.2	Friedman	P	2:10.4	4/59	5/72
200m	Powell	P	23.3	Kinast	P	23.8	?	A	24.3	8/57	1/73
4x400m	Cratt, Herling Erdon, Spitzer	A	3:41.3	Malatz, Lear Dimeen, Rowe	P	3:43.4				-/67	5/78
TOTAL TEAM POINTS										67	78
TEAM STANDINGS											

Track Falls Into Slump

by Jake Berman

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The boys' track team's performance continued this week as it dropped contests

with Andover High and Central Catholic, making it three consecutive losses in its midseason slump.

Phillips fell to Andover High on Saturday 78-67 in dismal conditions at the Andover High track. As the rain began to fall, the meet commenced with field events. Captain Steve Dise '97 won the long jump with ease. He also earned a first place tie in the high jump, clearing 5'10", while Joaquin Escamille '97 and Garth Williams '97 led the Blue in the throwing events. On the track, Andover had a mediocre day. John Friedman '98, ODrew Maletz '98, and Richie Powell provided a few bright spots with first place finishes in their respective events.

On Wednesday, Andover hosted Cushing Academy and Central Catholic. The Blue finished a close second, succumbing to Central Catholic 78-71. Cushing and Central Catholic dominated the sprints, allowing Andover only a combined 2 points in the 100m and 200m. Andover, however, dominated the long and middle distance events, outscoring opponents by a combined 24-9 in the 800, 1500, and 3000 meter races. Highlighting the Andover effort, John Friedman won the 3000 in an impressive 9:08.4. In the field events, Joaquin Escamille pulled out an incredible day, winning both the shot put and the discus. Kurt Spring, Jay Moon, and Josh LeMaitre '97 also earned a 2-3-4 finish in the pole vault. Steve Dise once again won both the high and long jumps, leaping 22'5" in the long and clearing 6'0" in the high. Ending the meet on a high note, the 4x400 relay team barely held off a late charge by an impressive Cushing team, with Pat Rowe giving a gutsy anchor leg. Unfortunately, these performances left the Blue just 7 points shy of Central Catholic, handing Andover a third straight loss.

de: May 7, 1997 vs. Central Catholic / Cushing Academy @ G.

VENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts		2 nd PLACE - 3pts		3 rd PLACE - 2pts		4 th PLACE - 1pt		P.A.	CENT	CATH
	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T	COMPETITOR	T			
shot Put	Escamille A 45'2"	45'2"	Foisy CC 44'2"	44'2"	Cerullo CC 42'6"	42'6"	Buco CC 41'6"	41'6"	5	4	0
x100m	Central Catholic 44.3	44.3	Cushing 44.6	44.6	Kinast, Dine Leah, Brown Russo PA	44.7			0	5	3
ong jump	Dise A 32'5"	32'5"	Wong CC 20'9"	20'9"	English C 20'7"	20'7"	Moon A 19'2"	19'2"	6	3	2
500m	Dineen A 4:23.3	4:23.3	Dwyer A 4:28.8	4:28.8	King CC 4:33.5	4:33.5	Giles C 4:38.2	4:38.2	8	2	1
10m hurdles	Grogan CC 14.7	14.7	Murphy CC 15.4	15.4	Park CC 15.8	15.8	Martin CC 16.4	16.4	0	11	0
200m	Simmons C 49.6	49.6	Powell A 50.4	50.4	Hardwick C 50.8	50.8	Muzerall CC 53.3	53.3	3	1	7
discus	Escamille A 13'8"	13'8"	Tavares A 12'4"	12'4"	Marinkovich CC 12'2"	12'2"	Williams A 12'0"	12'0"	9	2	0
300m	Sullivan CC 11'6"	11'6"	Spring A 9'	9'	Moon A 8'6"	8'6"	LeMaitre A 8'6"	8'6"	6	5	0
20m	Lemire CC 10.6	10.6	English C 10.8	10.8	Kenako C 11.3	11.3	Morin CC 11.3	11.3	0	4	5
600m	Rowe A 2:06.8	2:06.8	Majety A 2:06.7	2:06.7	Simmons C 2:06.7	2:06.7	Ford CC 2:12.1	2:12.1	8	1	2
high jump	Dise A 6'0"	6'0"	Grogan CC 5'10"	5'10"	Hardwick C 5'6"	5'6"	Couture CC 5'6"	5'6"	5	4	2
triple jump	Simmons C 40'10"	40'10"	Wong CC 40'2"	40'2"	Kutcha CC 39'2"	39'2"	Joneas CC 38'10"	38'10"	0	6	5
200m	Lemire CC 21.9	21.9	Wozniak CC 22.7	22.7	Dise A 22.7	22.7	Cavossa CC 22.9	22.9	2	9	0
200m hurdles	Moon A 42.3	42.3	Wong CC 42.6	42.6	Murphy CC 42.6	42.6	Park CC 42.7	42.7	5	6	0
300m	Friedman A 9:01.4	9:01.4	Jutras A 9:30.9	9:30.9	Curtis C 9:42.6	9:42.6	Zygmunt CC 9:54.9	9:54.9	8	1	2
x400	Powell, Majety Dineen, Brown Andover 3:33.7	3:33.7	Cushing 3:33.9	3:33.9	Central Catholic 3:44.3	3:44.3			5	0	6
400m	Bresnahan CC 1:40.5	1:40.5	Dunne CC 1:40.9	1:40.9	Shaughnessy CC 1:41.3	1:41.3	Williams A 1:41.9	1:41.9	1	10	0
TOTAL TEAM POINTS									71	78	32
FINAL STANDINGS											

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③/G: Boys

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TOTAL TEAM POINTS	77	68
TEAM STANDINGS		

Track Rolls on With a 76-68 Defeat of Loomis

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Andover	76
Loomis-Chaffee	68



In its last home meet of the season and Coach Richards' farewell after decades of track coaching, the Blue came away with a strong victory this past Saturday. The overall performance of the team was supplemented by impressive individual outings and new personal bests. Coach Strudwick was very pleased with the team's work as tracksters now kick into high gear for the upcoming Interschols competition this Saturday.

Throwers emerged victorious in the shot put, discus, and javelin events. Joaquin Escamille '97, continued his winning ways by dominating with first place throws in both the discus and shot put. Escamille's 46'0" in the shot put surpassed the second place hurl by over 3 feet. Andover had a 1-2-3 sweep in the discus with Juan Tavares '97 and Garth Williams '97 placing second and third, respectively. Williams once again won the javelin with ease, reaching an impressive distance of 170' 9". Williams and Escamille should both place well in the upcoming Interschols competition.

On the track, Andover kicked off the day with a swift 43.7 second victory in the 4x100 relay with excellent sprinting by Rob Kinast '97, Captain Steve Dise '97, Richie Powell '97, and Lewis Brown '99. The Blue pulled out a solid day of sprints with Dise winning the 200 in 23.0 seconds and Powell and Brown placing first and second, respectively. Dise also pulled out his usual long jump victory, leaping 21' 10". Pat Rowe '97 and Drew Maletz '98 ran well in the middle distance events. Rowe won the 800 meter race in an impressive 1:59.0 and Maletz finished second in the 400 with a time of 50.8 seconds. Powell and Andy Moon '97 finished 1-2 in the 300 meter hurdles, respectively, with Moon also winning the 110 meter hurdles in 16.2 seconds. Andover had a

weaker day in the distance events, where John Friedman ran an impressive 1500 in 4:08.3 but finished second behind a spectacular Loomis-Chaffee runner. Jake Berman was edged out of second place by a tenth of a second in the 3000, finishing third overall. Senior Jay Moon scored for the Blue in the pole vault, clearing 9 feet. Andover looks forward to the return of distance runner Nate Jutras tomorrow at Interschols. As the day drew to a close in the early hours of a beautiful spring evening, Maletz, Collin Dineen '99, Rowe, and Powell combined to win a close 4x400 relay, sealing Andover's victory.

The boys travel down to Connecticut tomorrow for Interschols where Coach Strudwick and the team believe they are in contention for the championship. The team has worked hard throughout the spring and this Saturday is the time to bring it all together. With the return of Nnamdi Okike '98 and Nate Jutras '97, the Blue will be stronger than ever. Andover will stay on the road the following week to take on arch-rival Exeter.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
100m	1	11.2
R. Powell	2	11.4
L. Brown		
200m	1	23.0
S. Dise		
300m hurdle	1	41.2
R. Powell	2	41.5
A. Moon		
400m	2	50.8
D. Maletz		
800m	1	1:59.0
P. Rowe	3	2:05.5
C. Dineen		
1500m	2	4:08.3
J. Friedman	3	10:15.6
J. Berman		
110m Hurdle	1	16.2
A. Moon	3	19.6
M. Rabinowitz		
Long Jump	1	21' 10.2"
S. Dise		
High Jump	3	5' 2"
J. Gordy		
Shot Put	1	46' 0"
J. Escamille		
Discus	1	131' 0"
J. Escamille	2	120' 1"
J. Tavares	3	119' 0"
G. Williams		
Javelin	1	170' 9"
G. Williams		
4x100m	1	43.7
R. Kinast		
S. Dise		
R. Powell		
L. Brown		
4x400m	1	3:29.1
D. Maletz		
C. Dineen		
P. Rowe		
R. Powell		

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NOTE: times shown in parentheses in 1997
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EVENT	FIRST Place Points - 10		SECOND Place Points - 8		THIRD Place Points - 6		FOURTH Place Points - 4		FIFTH Place Points - 2		SIXTH Place Points - 1	
	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
Shot 49'7"	Patterson	AOF	Escamille	PA	Johnson	PEA	Rogers	CRH	Smith	MMH	Kirkland	LC
Long J 22' 4"	Dise	PA	Tyson	MMH	Hollins	MMH	Pace	LC	OKeefe	PA	Amoroso	Mil
Pole V 12' 0"	Kim	DRF	Dryden	DRF	Frankel	MMH	Coston	Hot	Conway	Hot	McKay	LC
Discus 150' 11"	Jennerson	AOF	Berg	AOF	Escamille	PA	Greeby	DRF	Uccellian	DRF	Tavarez	PA
Hgt J 6' 2"	Williams	AOF	Dise	PA	Mac	PEA	Burke	Hot	Bateman	TFT	McPeters	PEA
Javelin 135' 4"	Pace	LC	Williams	PA	Wise	AOF	Ames	TFT	Anders	LC	O'Junkin	PEA
Triple J 44' 3"	Hollins	MMH	McTeach	DRF	Melton	PEA	OKeefe	PA	Thomas	CRH	Williams	AOF
4x100m 43.57	Russell Brown	PA	43.65	PEA	44.05	AOF	44.21	MMH	44.41	LC	44.59	CRH
1500m 38:57.09	Smith	MMH	40:07.19	Hot	40:38	AOF	40:55	PA	41:05	Hot	41:05	PEA
400m 48:77	Zandona	MMH	49:36	Chambers	50:18	PA	50:81	PA	51:35	Hot	51:36	PEA
100m 11:09	Cerba	AOF	11:09	MMH	11:19	PA	11:23	PA	11:42	DRF	Smith	LC
110m H 15' 4"	Bladgett	PEA	15:63	Hot	16:09	MMH	16:20	AOF	16:87	Mil	Brown	PA
300m H 40:32	Bladgett	Hot	40:88	Hot	41:07	PA	41:87	LC	41:97	PA	42:08	CRH
800m 1:55.72	Smith	MMH	1:57.00	DRF	1:58.23	PA	1:58.94	PEA	1:59.28	PEA	2:00.39	PA
200m 22.25	Zandona	MMH	22:87	PA	22:92	MMH	22:97	LC	23:06	CRH	23:26	DRF
3000m 8:54.41	Smith	MMH	8:58.63	LC	9:03.4	AOF	9:03.4	PA	9:12.13	MMH	9:24.1	Mil
4x400m 3:24.83	Russell Brown	PA	3:26.81	MMH	3:27.29	CRH	3:28.42	LC	3:30.29	PEA	3:31.69	DRF

TOTAL TEAM POINTS	107	117	71	65	61	44
TEAM STANDINGS	2 nd	1 st	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th

MVP Dave Smith (MMH)
 * new 11" grade revised (Males 50.8 (1997)
 * new 10" grade revised (Tallent (1997), Kendor (1997) 11.3)
 in hands 11.44

Runners Poised To Repeat Tourney Success

by Jake Berman
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Andover track and field athletes returned from Spring Break rested and ready to delve into several weeks of intense training. Coach Strudwick is busy preparing the team for its first meet Saturday. Strudwick has high hopes for the team and encourages all athletes to pull out a great send off season for retiring Coach Richards.

Despite injuries to key jumper Steve Dise '97 and runner Nate Jutras '97, the team hopes to match its spectacular Interschols performance of last May. Distance runner John Friedman '98 explains, "I'm looking for a repeat of last year's Interschols victory, but that may be hard without last year's Seniors. It may be a little more realistic to think that we'll be a strong team who will receive a lot of respect outside of the school."

Friedman and four other Andover athletes competed at the National level this past month. Tali Avery '98 pulled off a solid twelfth place finish in the pole vault competition, clearing 8 feet. In the Distance Medley Relay, runners Friedman, Richie Powell '97, Pat Rowe '97, and Jutras placed a spectacular 7th out of 37 with a time of 10:28. The event consisted of a 1200 x

400 x 800 x mile.

"I was very pleased with my time," says Friedman who kicked off the race with a strong 1200. "Nate pulled out a gutsy performance," added Friedman of the injured Jutras who managed to run a 4:22 mile to finish the race. Friedman also finished a strong 18th in the 2-mile event with a time of 9:29.02.

Now tracksters are training hard for the upcoming meets. Coach Strudwick hopes the team will peak by the NMH meet, still several weeks away.

Workouts are divided into skill days, when each division of the team practices their own event, and fitness days, when all components of the team engage in rigorous fitness activities. All athletes engaged in a series of rigorous work-outs this past Monday, enduring the days 75 degree heat.

Andover running legend Jon Stableford has been spotted running as he enters his final 2 weeks of training for the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 21. Stableford, a perennial marathon runner is excited to engage once again in the world's most famous race. Stableford coaches cross-country in the fall and long distance indoor track in the winter.

All tracksters are excited to get back on track this spring and look forward to another competitive season. Hopefully, this year's team will follow in the footsteps of their most successful predecessors.



Lewis Brown '99

"[Lewis has] maintained the excellent standards he established for himself in the winter..."

by Jason Gimbel and Andy Butler
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In his first year at Phillips Academy, Lewis Brown '99 has accomplished many extraordinary things. His fast start can be attributed to his constant desire to be the best. Only a lower, Lewis has already begun to dominate the ranks of prep school sprinters. This spring, he made the transition from indoor to outdoor track with ease, and has maintained the excellent standards he established for himself in the winter. So far this season, Lewis is undefeated in individual races. His performance this past Wednesday in sweeping the 100 and 200 meter events has earned him Athlete of the Week, an award not usually bestowed upon Lowers.

Relatively new to track, Lewis did not compete in his first meet until he arrived at Andover. Previously he didn't have the speed to run at the varsity level. However, last summer Lewis made great improvements in his athleticism. These strides in sprinting have allowed him to compete in the 100 and 200 meter events. In addition to these individual events, Lewis anchors the 4x100 meter relay which he competes in with teammates Steve Dize '97, Richie Powell '97, and Andy Moon '97. Although he must give some credit to his training at East High, Lewis is constantly perfecting his running technique under the tutelage of coach Jack Richards. "Coach Richards is constantly pushing me to do better," said Lewis. He has also picked up a lot of advice from Powell and the other seniors on the relay. Lewis' current goal is to break the 200 meter record for lowers, which stands second faster than his most recent times. To accomplish this objective, Lewis lifts weights to increase his speed and builds endurance to enhance his finishing. He treats every practice as though

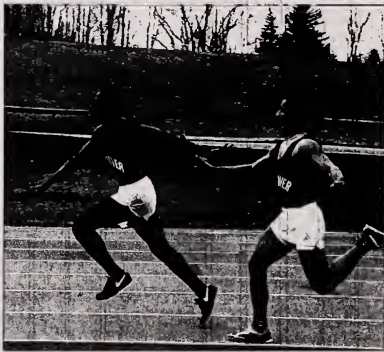
it were a meet, constantly pushing himself to do better.

Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Lewis is the last of 9 children. With the loss of his father at age three, he looked to his mother and older siblings for guidance. While his older brothers played the role of positive male models, his mother, Cloriece Brown, was the backbone of his close knit family. The role that she assumed "can't be described in words."

of adapting to PA life was the social aspect," commented Lewis. With a multitude of new friends, he began to feel a little more relaxed. Lewis found another helpful friend in Bobby Edwards, the dean of CAMD. After Mr. Edwards heard of Lewis' troubles, he immediately paid a visit to his dorm in order to sit down and discuss the situation. Although the cooking and the climate pale in comparison with the south, Lewis is now comfortable with

PA and pretty sure he wants to stay.

In terms of academics, the move from East High School was somewhat difficult in comparison to his transition in athletics. At his old school, the teaching style differs greatly from PA. The classes range from 35-40 students, whereas at Andover he receives more direct contact with teachers. Although this change was difficult at first, Lewis is now a proud member of the honor roll. Athletically, the jump from East High has been smooth.



Although the responsibility to bring in the money rested squarely upon her shoulders, the hardest task she faced was bringing up her children. As evidenced by Lewis, she did an excellent job at raising her family by emphasizing discipline and supporting the dreams that brought Lewis to Andover.

During his freshman year at East High School in Memphis, Lewis was encouraged by his guidance counselor to look at Phillips Academy. From the very start of the application process, he hesitated about leaving home for someplace so far away. When the acceptance letter arrived, the decision to matriculate was made in large part by his mother. Although he expressed doubts, Lewis agreed to attend PA.

At first the transition was very tough. Even after the first few weeks Lewis thought about going home. However, his changing of schools was eased by his comrades on the varsity football team. "The most difficult part

Despite the fact that he was not a prospective athlete, Lewis' improvement in the off-season made him an instant candidate for varsity sports.

Lewis is quickly making a name for himself in New England track. Although he is uncertain about what the future holds for him, Lewis has learned important lessons from PA. Two more years might be okay in Andover, but for college Lewis is leaning toward a southern university such as Emory or Morehouse.

Despite all of Lewis' accomplishments, he remains amazingly humble, attributing his successes to his family, his friends and God. Lewis demonstrated his religious devotion, as he returned the day after this article was written to ensure that the role that God plays in his life would not go unrecognized.

Clearly, any student with such humility will experience success wherever he goes—both on and off of the track.

At: May 24th '97

vs. Exeter

B/G: Varsity

EVENT	1 st Place - 5pts.			2 nd Place - 3pts.			3 rd Place - 1pt.			P.A.	PEA
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time	COMPETITOR	Team	Time	COMPETITOR	Team	Time		
Jav	Williams	A	17:48	Ojukwu	E	19:12	Najemny	E	14:84	5/4	4/4
Shot	Escamille	A	46'7"	Johnson	E			E		5/10	4/8
4x100m	Kinnitt, Dise Powell, Brown	A	43.7	Exeter		DQ				5/15	0/8
1500m	Jutras	A	4:06.3	Bingham	E	4:08.4	Rowe	A	4:10.2	6/21	3/11
110mH	Blodgett	E	15.1	Moon	A	16.2	Detaney	E	17.8	3/24	6/17
HJ	Dise	A	6'0"	McCaffrey	E	5'10"	McPherson	E	5'6"	5/29	4/21
400m	Maletz	A	52.0	Torres	E	53.2	—			5/34	3/24
P.Vault	Garvin	E	10'	Moon	A	9'6"	LeMaitre	A	9'	4/38	5/29
100m	Simms	E	11.0	Blodgett	E	11.3	McCaffrey	E	11.3	0/38	9/38
Discus	Escamille	A	123'6"	Johnson	E	122'10"	Tavares	A	119'	6/44	3/41
800m	Rowe	A	2:01.3	Bingham	E	2:01.8	Dineen	A	2:15.8	6/50	3/44
300mH	Powell	A	40.5	Moon	A	41.5	Metha	E	41.8	8/58	1/45
200m	Blodgett	E	22.5	Dise	A	22.8	Simms	E	23.4	3/61	6/51
LJ	Dise	A	21'9"	McPherson	E	19'9"	Moon	A	18'9"	6/67	3/54
TJ	Metha	E	41'8"	Okke	A	41'32"	Brown	A	39'10"	4/71	5/59
300m	Friedman	A	8:49.1	Jutras	A	9:30.2	Angwin	E	9:39.1	8/79	1/60
4x400m	Maletz, Okke Rowe, Powell	A	3:25.7		E	3:29.5				5/84	0/60

*New VE record (Thompson 8:52.3, 1975)
and new 11th grade record (Friedman 9:44.0
1976 as 10th grade)

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

84 60

TEAM STANDINGS

1st 2nd

Re: May 24th 97 vs. Exeter JV (B/G: JV

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⑧/G: JV

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Boys Run With Tradition

Andover Maintains Impressive Streak of Placing in the Top Two at Interschols with the help of Amazing Performances from Steve Dise

by Jake Berman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover's boys' track team weathered a season plagued by injuries to pull off an impressive second place Interschols finish in late May. The Blue's incredible team spirit and work ethic were coupled with the strong talent of each individual athlete to create a powerful squad capable of continuing Andover's traditional dominance in New England. Coach Strudwick not only utilized the skills of experienced athletes but also encouraged the rapid development of younger members of the team.

The Blue finished the spring with solid victories against Loomis-Chaffee, Deerfield, Taft, Cushing and a season finale thrashing of Exeter.

Andover demonstrated resiliency after suffering an embarrassing 100-34 loss at the hands of NMH in an early season dual meet, as the Blue nearly overtook Northfield at Interschols, exhibiting courage and commitment in the impressive turnaround.

Despite several tough losses, team morale remained high throughout the spring. Team spirit was supplemented by the drive to show the retiring Coach Richards one last winning season. The Blue accomplished this with style, turning up near the end of the season. Individual performances soared to new heights.

Captain Steve Dise '97 dominated in the high jump and the long jump. Garth Williams '97 and Joaquin Escamille '97 were weekly victors in the throwing events.

On the track, Richie Powell '97 and Drew Maletz '98 devoured the 400 field while Lewis Brown '99 accumulated a series of impressive performances in the 100 and 200. Pat Rowe '97 was a valuable asset in the middle distance events covering the 400 and the 800 and adding the occasional 1500.

Andover was similarly dominant in the longer events. John Friedman '98 ruled the distance competitions with numerous wins in the 3000 and 1500. The combination of Angus Dwyer and Collin Dineen also raked up points for the Blue with top three finishes in the 800m and 1500m. The Blue long dis-

tance contingent was rounded out by newcomer Nate Jutras '97, who, although he was injured for much of the season, turned in a number of great performances, including Andover's season best time in the 1500m of 4:06.3.

Andy Moon '97 also played a huge role for the track team. Competing in both the 110m and 300m hurdles, he earned points for Andover in two of the more competitive events run in each meet.

Under the guide of Coach Strudwick and a host of assistant coaches, these individual standouts were able to form a single cohesive team—one that fought through early season difficulties to take second at Interschols and maintain the reputation of Andover's track team.

The Blue anticipates success in the future with a program full of budding young athletes. Next year's captain, Nnamdi Okik '98, who spent much of this year injured but returned to impress in the triple jump, long jump, and relays is definitely up to the task of leading the squad. Hopefully, one will be able to spot Coach Jack Richards at select home meets cheering on the mini-track dynasty he helped create.

SEASON BEST PERFORMANCES

Event	Competitor	Result
100m	R. Powell	11.2
200m	S. Dise	22.5
400m	R. Powell	50.18
800m	P. Rowe	1:57.0
1500m	N. Jutras	4:06.3
3000m	J. Friedman	8:49.1
110m Hurd	A. Moon	16.2
300m Hurd	R. Powell	40.5
Long Jump	S. Dise	27' 9.25"
High Jump	S. Dise	6' 4"
Triple Jump	N. Okike	42' 1"
Pole Vault	Spring Moon	9' 6"
Shot Put	J. Escamille	46' 7"
Discus	J. Escamille	131' 8"
Javelin	G. Williams	174' 8"
4x100m	R. Kinast	43.5
	S. Dise	
	R. Powell	
	L. Brown	
4x400m	D. Maletz	3:24.83
	N. Okike	
	P. Rowe	
	R. Powell	



Nnamdi Okike '98 sprints around the bend in a relay against Exeter. Okike will be invaluable next year in both track and field events.

Photo / M. Prahl

SPORT: GIRLS TRACK

YEAR: 1996-97

CAPTAIN: MEREDITH PHILPOTT
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: JOHN STRUDWICK
ASSISTANT COACHES: L. Bernieri, M. Holmes, P. Joel,
K. Kennedy, J. Richards, John Rogers, C. Wilson

SEASON RECORD

WON 6 **LOST** 5 **TIED**

NEPSAC Champions

LETTER WINNERS

Track & Field -GV
Ackerman, Avra G.
Akade, Aimionioizomo O.
Avery, Taliser R.
Balleer, Almut
Cole, Hannah J.
Crowley, Katherine M.
Dawson, Cheryl Y. (M)
Dixon, Anne C.
Dundas, Deysia L.
Greene, Lucy K.

Husbands, Sharon N.
Jay, Allison M.
Jordan, Laura K.
Menocal, Harriet P.
O'Donoghue, Beibhinn M.
Philpott, Meredith V. (C)
Prah, Meagan M.
Richardson, Christina T.
Smith, Heather E.
Stoj, Amelia B.

GIRLS TRACK

Sat., Apr. 12	Deerfield/Taft/Brockton	home	86.5-44-Deer. -33-Taft 90-Brockton
Fri., Apr. 18	Reading scrimmage	home	canceled
Wed., Apr. 23	Tewksbury	home	56-80
Sat., Apr. 26	N.M.H./Milton	away	53-58-Milton 69 5/6 NMH
Sat., May 3	Andover High	away	59-71
Wed., May 7	Cushing/Central	home	89-56.5-Central -24-Cushing
Sat., May 10	Loomis Chaffee	home	96-48
Sat., May 17	Interschols	Hotchkiss	1st place
Sat., May 24	Exeter	away	86-58

Uppers Will Anchor Girls' Track

By Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



Coming off of an undefeated winter indoor season, the girls' outdoor track team should prove to be a New England powerhouse. Unfortunately, the cold, harsh weather has practicing prevented the girls from practicing this pre-season.

Although many of the girls run during both winter and spring seasons, a few key members of the team solely compete in the spring. One of these competitors is Captain Meredith Philpott '97.

The team will depend not only on core returnees, but also on the strength of their young athletes to fill out the remaining events. Newcomers such as Lucy Greene '00 and Sharlene Caputo '99 should prove to be great assets to the team with their bright futures in track.

The team is stacked with many powerful uppers and lowers who will also show great stardom on the track. Amelia Stoj '98 and Avra Ackerman '98 should dominate the middle distances, while Heather Smith '98 and Hannah Cole '98 will be leaping to great heights in the high jump. Megan Prah '98 will provide the speed in the hundred and hundred hurdles as Allison Jay '98 helps the girls with her endurance during the long distance events.

Other veterans besides Captain Philpott will come from the winter team, including Kate Crowley '97 who proves herself time and again in long distance events as well. One year senior Almut Balleer '97, who was athlete of the term in the winter, believes that she will have better success in the spring as she runs the hundred in hurdles and three-hundred hurdles.

Dr. John Strudwick, the coach of both the boys' and girls' team during winter and spring, is very positive. "We have not had much time to see what the team will bring this season, but I am confident that the girls will pick up their game for the first couple of meets."

This Saturday the girls will be able to prove their skills as they go up against Deerfield, Taft, and ever-tough Brockton.

EVENT	DISTANCE	HEIGHT	FIRST Place Points— 6		SECOND Place Points— 4		THIRD Place Points— 3		FOURTH Place Points— 2		FIFTH Place Points— 1		P	D	T	B			
			COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL							
Pole Vault			Avery 8' 0"	P									6	-	-	-			
4x100			54.2	B	Margione 54.4	P	56.4	T	57.2	D			4	-	2	6			
Disurs			103.9	P	Margione 107.8	T	92.8	B	83.5	D			10	-	2	6			
High Jump			5' 0"	P	Littleton 5' 0"	P	4' 6"	T	4' 6"	D			6	1	4	5			
1500			5:16.4	P	Yavinski 5:18.2	D	5:23.3	P	5:32.8	T			22	1	6	11			
100 H			16.3	B	Kawachi 16.5	T	17.6	B	19.6	P			31	5	13	17			
400			1:01.92	B	Greene 1:01.92	P	1:06.4	D	1:13.3	T			2	3	5	18			
Long Jump			13.4	B	Smith 13.4	P	14.2	D	13.1	T			4	3	1	9			
100			13.4	D	Piedra 13.9	T	14.3	B	14.3	P			4	1	9	2			
Shot			31.6"	P	Baron 31.6"	D	28.10	B	28.10	T			4	2	21	24			
800			2:12.9	P	Benson 2:12.9	D	2:12.2	B	2:13.4	P			5	2	25	35			
Javelin			101.1"	P	Margione 98.11"	T	80.5	B	70.1	D			4	10	19	2			
200			23.7	B	Richardson 23.7	T	28.1	B	29.8	P			6	2	34	23			
300 H			44.4	P	Clary 44.4	B	45.0	D	45.0	T			2	3	1	10			
3000			11:41.1	P	Allis 11:41.1	B	12:23.8	D	12:23.8	T			7	2	3	6			
4x400			4:35.2	P	Richardson 4:35.2	B	4:40.4	D	4:44.2	T			6	2	4	2			
Triple J.			31' 8"	B	Smith 31' 8"	P	28' 10"	D	28' 10"	T			5	-	1	4			
			Clary, K.	B	Richardson	B	Myung	P	Myung	P			8	2	44	33			
TOTAL TEAM POINTS 862																	44	33	90
TEAM STANDINGS																	2	3	4

Tracksters Begin Season With Second Place Finish In Four Team Contest

are ready to compete. One comment the opponent is tough, all of the girls "though track seems like and individual's sport, this team has really drawn" together. Make no mistake—we'll go out as a team Friday, and come out with a win."

TOP P.A. FINISHERS	
EVENT	PLACE
300m hurdles	1
Almut Ballcer	49.4
400m	2
Lacy Greene	65.9
Avra Ackerman	3
1500m	3
Ally May	5:23.2
Happy McNeal	1
Ally Jay	5:16.4
3000m	3
Ally Jay	14:41.1
4x100m	2
S. Husband,	54.4
L. Avery,	
Greene,	
A. Ballcer	1
A. Ackerman,	4:25.7
High Jump	
Laure Jordan	1
Long Jump	5.0"
Heather Smith	2
Triple Jump	28.2"
Heather Smith	2
Pole Vault	1
Tall Avery	8.0"
Shot Put	1
Hannah Cole	31.6"
Shana Jones	be 3
Hannah Cole	28.10"
Javelin	1
Meredith Philpott	103.9"
	101.1"

The efforts of Cole and Jay were certainly staggering, but they were definitely not alone. In the field, girls' Captain Meredith Pridford '97 placed first in the javelin throw, with a distance of over 101 feet.

Competing in the pole vault was Talliser Avery '98, who used her giant ups to take first with an eighth foot Laura Jordan '97, who won in the high jump with a five foot jump.

On the track senior Almut Balleer, Athlete of the Team during the winter, managed to hold onto a 49.4 second victory in the three hundred meter hurdles, barely topping Brockton's fastest female.

Finally, the fabulous four team-mates of the four by four-hundred meter relay race easily took first place. Avena Ackeman '98, Balleer, Lucy Greene '00, and Avery, completed the challenging race with a time of 4:25.7.

For only the first meet of the season, Andover performed excellently. In fact, performances like Salundary will give Andover a victory over almost any team in New England.

Lucy Greene commented after the meet, "The conditions were really bad, but we pulled together as a team."

Also with the help of the home track advantage, the girls were able to run with a relaxed mentality. This Friday the track team has another home meet at 3:30 against Reading, one of the country's finest track teams. Though

By Collis Klaberg and Jim Ellis

PHILIPPA SPORTS WRITERS

Brockton High	90.5
Andover	86.5
Taunton	53.5
Dorchester	42.5

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

date: April 23rd 97

vs. Tewksbury HS

B/G. Girls

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Tewksbury Pummels Girls' Track

By Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Tewksbury 80
Andover 56



"Disappointing" is one word to describe the girls' track performance against Tewksbury this past Wednesday. Though our girls in blue have many bright spots and shining stars, they have yet to find the ability to fill in the gaps that are devastating to higher placement in meets.

Competing strongly for the Blue, star shot putter and discus thrower Hannah Cole '98 put a lot of points up for her team with a final throw of 110'8" feet in the discus. If that performance in the discus was not enough individual dominance from Cole, she was also able to clinch a first place spot in the shot put with a throw of 29'7".

In other field events, Laura Jordan

'97 proved that she had springs in her feet when she leaped five feet for a first place victory in the high jump.

The competition in the javelin was not a problem for team veteran and captain Meredith Philpott '97, who was easily able to take first place. Unfortunately, PA had no luck in the long jump as they were unable to clinch either of two remaining places on the scoreboard.

In the 1500m run, the girls were able to earn a solid amount of points when Kate Crowley '97 crossed the finish line in second place, with teammate Happy Menocal '98 finishing close behind for third place.

In the middle distance running events, Ally Jay '98 blew past every competitor in the 800m run, easily obtaining the first place notch. In the 400m run, PA also racked up a handful of points when Tali Avery '98 finished in first place.

Almut Balleer '97 continued her dominance in the 300m hurdles, boosting her team's point total with a first place finish.

Though Deysia Dundas '00 and Sharon Husbands '98 finished second and third in the 200m, PA had no luck scoring points in the 100m dash. In fact, the only points came when Balleer just barely beat out her speedy opponents for a difficult third in the 110m hurdles.

The girls were able to dominate in the 4x400m relay with team members Stoj, Lucy Greene '00, Charlene Caputo '99, and Avery. After the tiresome race, Caputo commented on their performance: "Obviously it was not the best day for the team, but I think that we are all still confident in the idea that our team can be the best in New England."

If the girls want a second chance to prove that they still can dominate the tough New England division, they will have to bring their game up to another level. This ascension to divisional excellence can be accomplished on Saturday, as tracksters face off against NMH and Milton, two of the most powerful teams in the division.

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
200m		
D. Dundas	2	29.4
S. Husbands	3	30.0
300m		
A. Balleer	1	49.3
400m		
T. Avery	1	1:03.1
A. Stoj	3	1:04.1
800m		
A. Jay	1	2:30.4
1500m		
K. Crowley	2	5:21.2
H. Menocal	3	5:27.7
3000m		
B. O'Donoghue	2	11:49.5
110m Hurdle		
A. Balleer	3	17.8
High Jump		
L. Jordan	1	5' 0"
Shot Put		
H. Cole	1	29' 7"
S. Jones	2	28' 7.25"
Discus		
H. Cole	1	110' 8"
Javelin		
M. Philpott	1	99' 6"
4x400m		
A. Stoj	1	4:24.4
L. Greene		
C. Caputo		
T. Avery		



Almut Balleer '97 sails over a hurdle en route to a third place finish in the 110m hurdles.

Photo / M. Prah

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

date 26th April 97

vs NMH

vs Milton

8(G) G.R.I.s

EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5.0s	2 nd PLACE - 3.0s	3 rd PLACE - 2.0s	4 th PLACE - 1.0s	P.A	NMH	M
Pole Vault	Avery P 8'6"	Griedel N 6'6"	Albarch N 6'6"	Rockett P 6'	6/6	5/5	-
4x100	Milton M 52.4	NMH N 54.1	Pahl, Akade, Avery, Bullard PA DA		-6	3/5	5/5
1500	Lynan N 5:15.1	Crowley P 5:16.2	Grimsled M 5:27.2	Claire N 5:29.3	3/9	6/14	7/2
High J.	Jordan P 5'0"	Owsley N 5'0"	Richardson P 4'8"	{Zelljadt, Simmons, Ford} N 4'6"	7/16	33/17	1/2
100m H	Bullard N 18.6	Pahl P 19.2	Ford M 19.3	Beelson N 19.6	3/19	6/23	2/3
Shot Put	Cole P 33'4"	Steele N 30'5"	Adams? N 28'0"	Howard N 27'0"	5/24	6/23	-/9
Javelin	Philpott P 99'10"	Simmons M 92'1"	Bean N 72'8"	Madwick N 65'4"	5/29	3/32	3/12
400	Wendell M 64.1	Avery P 65.4	Stoj P 66.3	{Kenf, Kerner} M 67.4	5/34	2/32	5/18
100	Worsum M 13.1	Worsum M 13.5	Keege M 13.5	Akade P 13.6	1/35	-/32	10/2
800	Ackerman P 2:33.1	Colgan N 2:37.2	Grimsled M 2:38.2	Caswell N 2:39.5	5/40	4/36	2/3
Long Jump	Owsley N 16'8"	Worsum M 16'6"	Leung N 15'9"	Jordan P 14'12"	1/41	7/45	3/5
300m H	Cinely M 51.9	Ford M 52.3	Zelljadt N 53.2	Greene P 53.3	1/42	2/45	8/4
200m	Worsum M 26.9	Keege M 27.6	Wendell M 27.9	Moore M 28.4	-/42	-/45	11/5
Discus	Cole P 167'1"	Simmons M 164'7"	Madwick? N 85'0"	Steele N 78'8"	5/47	3/48	3/5
3000	Lynan N 11:44.2	Cradle N 11:44.6	Crowley P 11:51.8	Greene N 11:52.7	2/49	9/57	-/5
4x400	NMH N 4:28.9	Avery, Stoj, Greene, Bullard P 4:27.3	Milton M 4:38.1		3/52	5/62	-/5
Triple J.	Owsley N 35'8"	Worsum M 36'10"	? N ?	Jordan P 31'8"	1/53	7/69	3/5
TOTAL TEAM POINTS					53	65	5
FINAL STANDINGS							

[Relays Scoring 5-3-0]

Girls' Fall to Milton, NMH in Close Meet

By Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	53
NMH	69
Milton	58



After coming off of two hard losses in the previous two weeks, our PA track girls are still having trouble winning important middle-season matches. Fortunately they are showing big signs of improvements; this past Saturday PA came close to but fell short of pulling off of a win against Milton and NMH.

The meet started off well, as it was another easy win for team star Taliser Avery '98 in the pole vault, who sprang a phenomenal 8'6", beating out the closest competitor by two whole feet.

Unfortunately PA's sprinting girls had less success, when the 4X100 team was sadly disqualified after passing the baton outside of the designated area. This bad luck allowed NMH to pull in front of the girls in blue.

Andover came back with a quick recovery thanks to the powerful jump of Laura Jordan '97, who continues to dominate in the high jump event. After a jump of five feet for Jordan and help

from Christina Richardson '98 with a jump of 4'8", good enough for a fourth place finish, the girls cut NMH's lead down to two points.

The powerful upper-body of Hannah Cole '98 muscled a 33' 4" throw in the shot put, which placed first in the event. Even with Cole's victorious efforts, NMH was still able to win overall with a second, third, and fourth place throws. This added one point to the NMH lead. Team Captain Meredith Philpott '97 then showed her leadership abilities when she heaved her javelin for a victory, throwing 99 feet and pulling Andover three points closer to NMH.

Andover regained its lead in the 400m run, when Avery won second place and Amelia Stoj '97 finished close behind in third place.

The long jump was less productive for the girls. In fact, the only light came from Laura Jordan who jumped for a fourth place finish. The long jump allowed NMH to come back and retake the lead.

Freshman sensation, Lucy Greene '00, ran a close 300m hurdles race just coming short of the third place finisher, placing as Andover's only point scoring runner. Once again, Milton's quiet team exploded in the face of both NMH and Andover, taking all four

spots of the 200m dash. This sudden burst of victory gave them a ten point lead over PA, putting the Blue in third place.

In the fourth to last event, Cole's strength was apparent once again. She was able to grab hold of another victory, this time in the discus, with a giant throw of 107'1". This was a faint cry in the struggle for victory, as NMH took the lead once and for all placing first, second, and fourth in the 3000m run. Kate Crowley filled the third place gap, keeping PA's hope alive.

The 4x400 team of Avery, Stoj, Almut Balleer '97, and Greene barely fell short of NMH's relay team by four tenths of a second. After the relay was PA's final chance to regroup and regain a lead. Unfortunately they placed poorly in the triple jump, with only Laura Jordan in fourth place placing.

After jumping out to a strong start in the first half of their meet on Saturday, the girls were unable to hold on to their lead in the second half of the competition. The final scores were NMH with 69 points, followed by Milton with 58 and Andover with 53 points. The girls hope to regain their confidence for the rest of the season when they go back to the track on Saturday.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

Date: 4-11-72

vs. Milton - 1/2 mile / 1/4 mile / 1 mile

B/G G

EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts			2 nd PLACE - 3pts			3 rd PLACE - 2pts			4 th PLACE - 1pt			P.A.	W	M
	COMPETITOR	T	T/50M	COMPETITOR	T	T/50M	COMPETITOR	T	T/50M	COMPETITOR	T	T/50M			
	Avery	PA 5:00		Jar 26:11	5:00		11:10:00	W 2:00		AREVOR			6	0	5
1x1	H.H.T.	5:00		U.H.T.	6:01					PA 2:00			3	0	2
500	Lyman	PA 3:51		Crowley	5:10		Grimstead	M 5:00		Claire	NH 3:51		9	0	6
High jump	Jordan	PA 5'		Orsley	5'		Rosenbom	PA 4'8"		Zelladt	NH 4'4"		7	3	3
100 yards	B. B. B.	NH 5:06		Prater	PA 1:12		Ford	M 1:13		Berkson	NH 1:10		3	0	6
hot	Cole	PA 3:34		Greale	NH 3:05		Guldbi	U.H. 2:28		Hoswell	NH 2:27		5	0	6
Jaw.	Philpot	PA 7:10		Symonds	M 9:31		Pear	NH 7:18		Madyskie	NH 6:44		5	3	5
400	Wendell	M 1:04		Query	PA 1:05		Sto,	PA 1:06		Kane	NH 1:07		5	5	5
100	Wosornu	M 1:31		Wosornu	M 1:35		Keefe	M 1:35		Orade	PA 1:36		1	10	0
800	Orkman	PA 2:33		Colgan	NH 2:32		Grimstead	M 2:32		Cowell	NH 2:35		5	0	4
Long jump	Ousley	NH 16:8.5		Wosornu	M 16:6.5		Leung	NH 15:42		Jordan	PA 14:12		1	3	7
300H	Cinely	M 5:19		Ford	M 5:22		Zelladt	U.H. 5:22		Greene	PA 5:33		1	8	2
200	Wosornu	M 2:49		Keefe	M 2:50		Wendell	M 2:59		Moore	M 2:54		0	11	0
Discus	Cole	PA 10:11		Simmons	M 10:11		Madyskie	NH 8:51		Stekle	NH 7:80		5	3	3
3,000	Lyman	NH 11:41		Gardle	NH 11:46		Crowley	PA 11:52		Greene	NH 11:54		2	0	9
4x4	NH	NH 1:20		4:27	PA		4:37						3	0	5
1/2 mile	Ousley	PA 1:11		Wosornu	M					Jordan	PA 1:11		1	3	7

TOTAL TEAM POINTS	53	58	69
FINAL STANDINGS			

Relays 5-3-07

HILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

date: May 3rd '97

vs. Anderson HS

B/G Girls

EVENT	1 st Place - 5 pts.				2 nd Place - 3 pts.				3 rd Place - 1 pt.				P.A.	A
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	Points	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	Points	COMPETITOR	Team	Time/Distance	Points		
Shot	Cole	P	31'9"	5	Brown	A	31'3"	4	Coppolino	A	29'6"	3	5	4
Triple J	Baron	A	32'0"	0	Harris	A	31'8"	5	Condos	A	30'8"	5	9	13
2 Mile	Munson	A	12:34.8	3	Jay	P	12:44.1	8	Muller	A	12:49.0	8	6	19
100m H	Condos	A	16.1	0	Munroe	A	17.8	8	Delaney	A	DA	8	27	
100m	Atkade	P	13.3	5	Hill	A	13.6	13	Ibe	A	14.0	13	4	31
Long J	Mann	A	15'9"	9	Matos	A	15'3 1/2"	13	Landry	A	15'2"	13	9	40
MP Mile	Crowley	P	5:45.0	22	O'Donoghue	P	5:46.3	22	Merocal	P	5:43.8	22	0	40
Javelin	Philpott	P	97'11"	6	Zizzo	A	71'3"	28	Robinson	P	62'8"	28	3	43
4x100	Baron, Hill Ravins, Condos	A	53.4	-	Dundas, Atkade Pach, Husbards	P	DA	28				5	48	
400m	Stoj	P	64.3	5	Dexter	A	65.8	33	Corey	A	66.7	33	4	52
300m H	Greene	P	52.2	5	Calahan-Higgin	A	52.9	38	Sawyer	A	54.7	4	5	56
800m	Munson	A	2:32.2	4	Jay	P	2:35	42	Crowley	P	2:36	42	6	61
200	Munroe	A	29.0	3	Husbards	P	29.1	45	?	A	29.7	8	67	
Discus	Cole	P	109'5"	53	Philpott	P	93'8"	8	Coppolino	A	86'8"	53	1	68
High J	Jordan	P	5'2"	6	Brown	A	5'0"	59	Richardson	P	4'8"	59	3	71
	no 4x4													

TOTAL TEAM POINTS 59 71

TEAM STANDINGS

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK - MEET RESULTS

Date: May 7, 1997

vs Central Catholic / Cushing Academy

B/G

EVENT	1 st PLACE - 5pts			2 nd PLACE - 3pts			3 rd PLACE - 2pts			4 th PLACE - 1pt			Cent.	Cush.
	COMPETITOR	T	TD/N	COMPETITOR	T	TD/N	COMPETITOR	T	TD/N	COMPETITOR	T	TD/N		
Discus	Cole	A 112'8"	CC	Runnors	CC	80'7 1/2"	Torosian	C	76'4"	Abraham	CC	70'8"	5	7
1100m	Cushing	58.7	Central Catholic	55.5									0	3
High Jump	Jordan	A 5'0"	CC	Fortune	CC	4'8"	Richardson	A	4'6"	Marinos	CC	4'4"	7	3.5
500m	Jay	A 5:20.2	O'Donahue	A 5:22.4	Menocal	A 5:37.4	Fieldler	C	5:33.9				10	0
Shot Put	Cole	A 30'10"	CC	Champagne	CC	30'1"	Abraham	CC	27'8 1/2"	Torosian	C	26'9"	5	5
100m	Balleer	A 16.7	Muldoon	CC	18.9	Greene	A	19.4	Carberry	CC	19.7		7	4
100m	Avery	A 16.4	Gecaga	C	16.7	Champagne	CC	17.4	Patterson	CC	17.7		5	3
Long Jump	Smith	A 14'6"	Myung	A	14' 1/2"	Rosche	C	13'10"	Patterson	CC	13'7"		8	1
100m	Patten	C 12.5	Akade	A	12.7	Silverio	CC	13.1	Gittens	A	13.3		4	2
400m	Philpott	A 1:05.3	Champagne	CC	1:16.6	Torosian	C	1:54.4	DeJesus	CC	1:08.3		5	4
300m	Balleer	A 41.9	Greene	A	53.8	Marinos	CC	54.7	Muldoon	CC	55.5		8	3
100m	Silverio	CC 27.0	Patton	C	28.5	Husbands	A	28.7	Dionne	CC	28.9		2	6
1000m	Crowley	A 11:33.4	Dixon	A	11:53.8	Sidie	CC	11:54.4	Alicen	CC	13.12		8	3
Triple Jump	Malloy	CC 31.4	Scavo	CC	27.2	Dionne	CC	27.1	Jordan	A	28.1		7	10
1x100m	Stoj	A 2:23.3	Central Catholic	4:53.4									5	3
100m	Stoj	A 2:37.0	O'Donahue	A 2:38.4	Gennier	CC	2:41.9	McDonagh	A	2:42.2			8	2

TOTAL TEAM POINTS

FINAL STANDINGS

Relays Scoring 5-3-07



This week, the Blue took a crushing blow from Andover High School's track team in a 71-59 affair. Fortunately for the girls, they were able to bounce right back and dominate Cushing and Central Catholic in their Wednesday meet.

At Andover High, the Blue never seemed to hit their stride, trailing through virtually the entire meet. PA's crosstown rivals established an early lead by sweeping three events in the first half of the meet and never looked back.

Andover's bright spots principally came in the field events, as Hannah Cole '98 (shot put and discus,) Meredith Philpott '97 (javelin) and Laura Jordan '97 (high jump) all racked up first place finishes.

PA had a lot to prove on Wednesday against Cushing and Central Catholic because the team was starting to feel as though an overall disappointing season was in its future.

The Blue established an early lead, as it placed first in five out of the first six events.

Andover kept right on rolling with

the help of Ian Avery '98, who powered her way to victory in the 400 meter sprint. Heather Smith '98 and Jennifer Myung '98 increased Andover's lead yet again with a first and second place finish, pushing Andover twenty-seven points ahead of Central Catholic. Philpott, as is her wont, was able to take first place in the javelin by an untouchable 105 foot throw. The brilliant combination of Balleer and Greene began to serve PA very well in the 300 meter hurdles, getting first and second place. This triumphant victory for PA put them ahead of Central Catholic by thirty-two points.

The 200 meters was definitely a poor event for the day, with only Husbands placing third overall. The long distance leadership of Crowley and Colleen Dixon '99 racked up eight more points for PA in the 3000 meter event, placing first and second.

With one event to go, PA had already proven their dominance over both opponents in the meet, but having no sympathy for either team, Stoj, O'Donaghue, and Christina McDonough '98 took first, second, and fourth place of the spots in the final event of the 800 meter run, yielding the lopsided 89-56-52 final score.



Ally Jay '98 and Kate Crowley '97 vie for the lead in the 1500m.

Photo / M. Phahl

PHILLIPS ACADEMY TRACK — MEET RESULTS

re: May 10 th '97	vs. Loomis-Chaffee	B/G: Girls
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vs. Loomis-Chaffee

B/G: G.f/s

* new school record (Avery '96 8'0")

Girls' Track Romps; Awaits 'schols

Girls break out of mid season slump with 96-48 defeat of Loomis

By Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 96
Loomis-Chaffee 48



On Saturday the Andover girls' track team made the trip up to Loomis-Chaffee, looking for another win to compensate for their past two weeks of disappointment. If the girls did need a boost of energy for the season, they sure did get it after pulverizing Loomis Chaffee.

In the first event of the bright sunny day, Tally Avery '98 dominated the pole-vault. She beat out the Loomis jumper by two feet, with an 8' 6" best jump. Unfortunately Tally was the only placer in this event, but still started PA off with a short lead. Laura Jordan '97 found a familiar spot in first place in the high jump, followed by another big blue jumper, Christina Richardson '98 who gave the squad an extra three points for second place.

On the track, the 4x100 meter relay competed first. This four person team consists of junior Deyssa Dundas '00, Aimee Balleer '97, Meagan Pahl '98, and Aimeionizomo Akade '00, who took the relay race by three seconds, giving Andover a comfortable fourteen point lead over Loomis. PA did not get the bulk of the points in the discus, when the only finisher for Andover was Hannah Cole '98, who placed second overall.

In the 1500m long distance, Andover used their exceptional endurance with Kate Crowley '97 and Annie Dixon '97, finished in the first and second place spots. The hurdling ability of Balleer shocked the crowd once again. She took an easy first place, with more support from junior Lucy Greene, who finished third.

Andover scrapped up some more insurance points in the 400m, when Avery pulled out a second place finish, with Amelia Stoj '98 following her. PA's sprinters helped the team when Akade dashed to a first place finish in the 100m, and Sharon Husbands '98 placed third. The girls were almost fruitless in their efforts in the shot put, with the only points on the scoreboard coming from Cole, who after three tries, placed third. Throughout the day, the jumping contests were in favor of Andover and Laura Jordan, with the usual support from Heather Smith '98. They went to work again in the long jump. Jordan with first place and Smith with third.

Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 and

Crowley were able to secure four points with second and third placements in the 800m run. Balleer and Greene had no trouble wrapping up first and second in the 300m hurdles, extending Andover's lead to twenty-five points.

Andover still knows why Philpott '97 is their captain, with her great leadership and remarkable talent in the javelin, and there were no exceptions Saturday, as she took first again by thirteen feet. There were also no weaknesses in the long distance running today. Happy Menocal '98 and Dixon took first and second place in the 3000m run. In the 4x400, Avery, Stoj, Greene, and Balleer took it to Loomis with their fabulous four. They beat out

the opponents by over ten seconds, pushing their lead to forty-five whole points.

The last event of the day was the triple jump. PA tested the earth's gravity by placing first and third, with Laura Jordan and Myung '98. This pushed PA's lead to forty-eight, doubling Loomis.

The girls hope to profit on their sudden burst of energy and keep the rest of their season going in the right direction so they might finish up as one of the powers in New England. Everyone on the team is still very confident that they can keep putting wins in the 'W' column; they just needed this little boost of confidence to start them up on the right track

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
100m		
M. Akade	1	13.3
S. Husbands	3	14.0
200m		
A. Stoj	1	28.8
S. Husbands	2	29.2
300m Hurdle		
A. Balleer	1	48.4
L. Greene	2	51.8
400m		
T. Avery	2	1:02.6
A. Stoj	3	1:03.2
800m		
B. O'Donoghue	2	2:31.2
K. Crowley	3	2:32.0
1500m		
K. Crowley	1	5:19.1
A. Dixon	2	5:28.8
5000m		
H. Menocal	1	11:47.0
A. Dixon	2	11:49.1
100m Hurdle		
A. Balleer	1	17.2
L. Greene	3	19.4
High Jump		
L. Jordan	1	5' 2"
C. Richardson	2	4' 6"
Shot Put		
H. Cole	3	31' 4.5"
Discus		
H. Cole	2	108' 5"
M. Philpott	1	104.7
4x100m		
D. Dundas	1	52.8
A. Balleer		
M. Pahl		
M. Akade		
4x400m		
T. Avery	1	4:21.2
A. Stoj		
L. Greene		
A. Balleer		



Lucy Greene '00 sails over a hurdle en route to a second place finish in the 300m event.

Photo / M. Pahl

date: May 24th 97

vs. Exeter

B/G Girls

EVENT	1 st Place - 5pts.				2 nd Place - 3pts.				3 rd Place - 1pt.				P.A.	P.A
	COMPETITOR	Team	Time	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Time	Score	COMPETITOR	Team	Time	Score		
Discus	Cole	A	18'3"		Joseph	E	9'3"		Philpott	A	8'8"		6	3
High Jump	Jordan	A	5'		Awasthi	E	4'6"		Richardson	A	4'4"		12	6
Pole Vault	Williams	E	7'0"		Kim	E	6'0"		—				0	8
4x100m	Dundas, Balleer, Pralul, Akade	A	51.3			E	53.6						5	17
1500m	Crowley	A	5:24		Hampson	E	5:10		Jay	A	5:14		6	3
Shot	Joseph	E	32'8"		Cole	A	32'5"		Aiken	E	31'6"		3	26
100mH	Giampapa	E	16.3		Balleer	A	17.6		King	E	18.3		3	29
Jav	Burnell	E	118'1"		Phillpatt	A	111'8"		Noyes	E	87'1"		3	32
400m	Avery	A	63.2		Barnes	E	64.8		Husbands	A	69.3		6	38
100m	Akade	A	12.8		Giampapa	E	13.2		Dundas	A	13.3		6	44
800m	Hampson	E	2:29		O'Donoghue	A	2:30		Stoj	A	2:30		4	48
300mH	Balleer	A	48.5		Greene	A	50.7		Trembath	E	53.0		8	56
200m	Akade	A	27.5		Dundas	A	28.2		Husbands	A	28.4		9	65
3000m	Jay	A	11:34		Dixon	A	11:38			E			8	73
4x400m	Avery, Stoj, Greene, Balleer	A	4:23			E							5	78
Long Jump	Giampapa	E	15'2"		Jordan	A	15'1"		Burnell	E	14'4"		3	81
Triple Jump	Jordan	A	37'1/2"		Adams	E	33'4"		Burnell	E	31'1/2"		5	86

*New A/E record (Nancy Abramson 48.6, 1988)

TOTAL TEAM POINTS 86 58

TEAM STANDINGS

1st 2nd

Andover Claims NEPSAC Title

By Collis Klarberg and Jim Ellis
PHILIPPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



After a roller coaster ride of a season, the girls went to interschools last Saturday with a lot to prove. A season plagued with bad luck forced the girls to look at a possible losing record, if they did not create some kind of spark at Interschols. Andover went up to the track at Hotchkiss as underdogs, facing teams like NMH and Milton who had both handed the girls embarrassing defeats earlier this season. But after a very impressive and much needed victory last week over Loomis, the girls felt as though the blood of a championship team was still in their veins.

The girls' indoor captain, Kate Crowley '97, has proven, over the past two terms of track, to be one of the many excellent long distance runners of girls' track this year. Saturday ensured that she will always have a place in Andover history, as she emerging with an emotional first place victory in the 3000m trek.

After the event, spectators could look at Crowley and see a shining "star," because they saw a girl that shaved forty seconds off her best run of the year. She stated, "Of everyone, I was the most surprised by my performance." She added, "I felt really strong during the race. During my earlier 3000 races, I had no idea that I had forty seconds to give." The

After struggling through a mediocre season, the girls' track team shocked the field at Interschols this past weekend coming away with the 1997 New England Championship.

endurance and team spirit of Kate gave her the energy to bring even more glory to PA, with a fourth place finish in the 1500m run.

Along with Crowley, long distance runners Happy Menocal '98 who placed ninth in the 3000m and Ally Jay '98 who took tenth in the 1500m event, began to open the eyes of New England that Andover was on a mission to be the best.

While the veteran Crowley led the Blue, the youngster Momo Akade '00 continued to prove herself a great addition to PA's track team. No one could have predicted that she would run a 12.7 second time in her first heat of the meet, followed by a 13.2 second time, giving her a second place finish in the 100m event. The former time matched her previous best time in the 100, the ninth grade Phillips Academy record. With Saturday's performance in the 100m, Akade laid the foundation for her next three years on the Andover track team, but she was not done yet, because her 27.8 second time in the 200m gave her a sixth place finish in the event. In light of the fact that the first six places score at Interschols, Akade was able to contribute more than her share of points to Andover's cause.

Almut Balleer '97 came to Andover this year for the post-graduate experience, offering her hurdling abilities to the Andover track team. Balleer gave it her best at Interschols, when she tied Andover's school record in the 300m hurdles, giving her a hard fought first place finish in the event, along with a brilliant second place in the 100m hurdles. Teammates boasted about Andover's hurdling phenomenon after the day, calling Almut an "incredible runner." Another hurdler, Lucy Greene '00 made sure that PA knew that she would be a great asset to the girls' track team for the next three seasons. As a junior, Lucy pulled in a fifth place finish in the 300m hurdles which showed onlookers that despite her rookie status, Greene is already a key member of the team.

Saturday was also a great day for the relay teams, despite the rain and poor conditions. The 4x100m team, consisting of Balleer, Megan Prah '98, Akade, and Deyasia Dundas '00, ran their best time of the season and claimed third place in the event with a 51.4 second finish. The other relay

team, consisting of the all-star cast of Avery, Stoj, Greene, and Balleer, took Andover to the top with an extraordinary team effort.

Laura Jordan '97 has also been a strong team player as well as leader over the season. With her enormous jump of 5'5" in the high jump, Jordan took a hold of first place, as well as tying the NEPSA record of Patty Portilla (PEA), who grasped the high jump record back in 1989. The post-graduate Jordan has dominated New England throughout the season. She further demonstrated her all-around jumping ability with fantastic performances in the long jump and triple jump as well. Without the boost in the field events provided by Jordan, Andover would not even been able to compete with schools like NMH, let alone defeat them for first place.

Christina Richardson '98 complimented Jordan's effort with a sixth place finish in the high jump. Fortunately for Andover, in the Interschol track events, the best six places of the event win points for their respective team. This enabled PA to "pick up the scraps", as the Blue placed in the top six in every single event.

Everybody who knows anything about Tal Avery, next year's indoor track captain, knows that she is in the highest ranks of New England pole vaulting. Saturday was her day of glory when she vaulted an astonishing 8'6" jump, tying the school record and setting a new NEPSA mark.

Andover's record setting day continued as Hannah Cole '98 shattered Becky Dowling's mark of 119 feet to establish a new Phillips Academy record. Only an upper, Cole will return next year to lead the Blue in both the discus and the shot put.

Although, Captain Philpott did not top off her athletic career here at Andover as she might of wanted to, with a sixth place finish in the javelin, she made her presence known, urging on teammates. Philpott's effort was definitely seen off of the track, with her leadership skills pushing her team all the way to the edge. She commented, "I've never felt like I was on a team as much as I did on Saturday."

In the wet conditions of Andover track's biggest meet, the girls pulled together in the end to come up with a big win, ending the day with 94.3 points (4.3 points over Milton, and 11.3 points over Choate). PA's track team came into the meet with a fifth place ranking, but left with first place pride. With any luck, the Blue will be able to bring this spirit and excellence to this Saturday's meet against Exeter

TOP P.A. FINISHERS

EVENT	PLACE	RESULT
100m	2	13.22
M Akade	DNP	13.6
D Dundas		
200m	6	27.88
M Akade	DNP	28.7
H Menocal		
300m Hurdle	1	47.85
A Stoj	5	50.79
400m	7	62.8
T Avery	8	63.0
A Stoj		
800m	5	2:30.4
B O'Donoghue	8	2:32.2
A Jay		
1500m	4	5:06.81
K Crowley	10	5:16.5
M Jay		
3000m	1	10:56.6
K Crowley	9	11:30.5
H Menocal		
100m Hurdle	2	17.06
A Balleer		
High Jump	1	5' 5"
L Jordan	6	4' 6"
C Richardson		
Long Jump	4	15' 3.5"
L Jordan	2	122' 0"
Discus	6	99' 9"
H Cole	3	51.36
Javelin		
M Philpott		
4x100m	3	51.36
P Dundas		
A Balleer		
M Prah		
M Akade		
4x400m		
T Avery	1	4:13.9
A Stoj		
L Greene		
A Balleer		

Athlete Of The Week



"Tali is a cornerstone of the team and a great, great competitor!"

—Coach John Smithick

Tali Avery '98

The current holder of the NEPSA pole vault crown, Tali Avery, is a pioneer in a sport that has only recently opened its doors to female athletes. Now in her third year of competitive track, Tali has become a corner stone for the varsity team. She has shown her versatility by competing in both the 400 meter and 4x400 meter relay, in addition to her pole vaulting. This past Saturday, Tali shattered her own school record of 8' 0" with a tremendous vault of 8' 6". While breaking records, she also found time to finish second in the 400 meter and win the 4x400 with her teammates. In accomplishing these feats and leading the varsity track team to victory, Tali has earned the honor of Athlete of the Week.

Born in Lawrence, MA, Tali grew up on campus here at Phillips Academy. From an early age, she received a first hand feeling for PA while her father taught at the high school. She attended Doherty Middle School, a short walk down the road from the chapel. Life proceeded normally as Tali advanced towards high school. She participated in both soccer and track. As the time for the leap to high school drew near, only one place stuck out in her mind: Phillips Academy. PA incorporated the opportunities Tali was looking for with the environment she had grown to love. Her father's involvement did not hinder her decision to attend PA, as she believes the school is big enough to allow her room to grow.

Tali smoothly made the change from Doherty to PA. "My transition was the same as everybody else, only I didn't get lost on the first day!" commented Tali. Her old school obviously did an excellent job preparing her for the rigors of PA because she had no trouble dealing with the academics or the athletics.

During the winter term of her Junior year, Tali made the decision to begin a track career. After watching several male pole vaulters during the winter, Tali decided that the sport looked like a great deal of fun, as well as a challenge. That spring, Tali embarked upon a career as a pole vaulter, joining the varsity team immediately. She also ran the 400 for the JV squad, but devoted most of her time and energy to the former. At this point in time pole vaulting had few female participants to rival Tali. Other schools had not started to integrate females into their pole vaulting squad.

When Tali's Lower year track season began, the stakes were higher. Not only was there an increased number of female vaulters, but the quality of the competition across New England had improved. Nonetheless, Tali looked at the season with high expectations. Her hard work and determination throughout the season paid dividends at the

close of the term, when she took home the New England Prep School Track Association female pole vaulting title. The championship was not easily obtained, as Tali narrowly defeated a rival from Exeter by committing less faults. During the season she set a school record by vaulting 8' 0", which remained untouched until she broke it this past Saturday. The increase in competitors definitely pushed Tali to do her best, bringing out her full ability.

After Interschols of Lower year,



(Photo: C. Field)

Tali had the chance to compete in the Nationals, a highly selective tournament. Held in nearby Boston, at the Reggie Lewis Center, this tourney brought together the elite from every corner of the nation. At this event, Tali finished 12th, a sizable accomplishment for a sophomore.

Although last season's success is hard to improve on, so far this year Tali is on the right track. While stepping up her pole vaulting skills, Tali has also improved her running ability. By finishing first in many 400 meter races, and running the first leg for an excellent relay team, Tali has shown she is just as dangerous on the track. Her hopes for this year's Interschols are high, but with the tough new competition she is receiving Tali must

excel if she wishes to take the crown again.

Fortunately, Tali has superb coaching as well as a huge support team. Her current coach, Craig Wilson, has taught her all she knows about the sport. Although in the future he will not be there on a regular basis, his guidance throughout the past three seasons has been invaluable. A former Andover High pole vaulting star, coach Wilson has taken Tali under his wing and developed her into one of the premier vaulters in New England. In addition to the vital coaching she receives, Tali is encouraged by the support of her family. "My sister has been great, she comes to every one of my meets," stated Tali. In addition to the endorsement of her twin sister Kyrie, Tali's parents have been present on many occasions as well. By cheering her on at every possible point in her career, the Averys have shown they're behind Tali every step of the way.

In terms of the near future, PA's bid for the championship looks very strong. Andover is one of three top schools contending for the crown. Individually, Tali is seeded first in the pole vault and fifth in the 400 meter. Also, she feels the 4x400 relay team has a good shot at winning it all. Looking further towards the future, Tali would love to continue pole vaulting in college. Track and Field is definitely a sport worth pursuing in her mind, and vaulting is in need of women pioneers. However, a final decision is still a long ways down the road. For next year, the team looks very strong, with a large group of Uppers returning. With skill and persistence, Tali has shown her ability to rapidly pick up this new sport. Her tenacity and talent will serve her and the sport well as she continues to break records and turn heads.

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Mary Barendsfield '97

by Jason Gimbel
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Mary Barendsfield '97, an excellent student to boot, is one of the best athletes that PA has produced in recent years. This tri-variety athlete has exemplified leadership and sportsmanship on the playing fields of Siberia and in the Summer Smith Hockey Rink.

Mary has risen from the depths of JV in three sports to become a tri-variety star, called by one of her teammates, "the hardest worker on the team."

This year, Mary led the field hockey, girls' ice hockey and girls' lacrosse teams to some of their best years in recent seasons. Mary's dedication and hard work have made her selection as Athlete of the Year extremely simple.

Barendsfield was born in the picturesque city of Pittsburgh Penn., and her sports career started there at Ellis Middle School. However, at this early point in her career, Mary expended much of her time in field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. She was also a dedicated swimmer for more than nine years. However, when she made the move to PA she forewent any swimming career. Her mother was adamant about swimming, but Mary decided to start a new sport, one completely foreign to her. Her hockey career began as she attempted to grasp the art of stopping on ice. Naturally, it seems very odd that a basketball player would take up hockey; Mary certainly defies the archetypal definition of the athlete. She is constantly challenging herself, hoping to try out new things and develop her athletic skills.

After her eighth grade year at Ellis Middle School, Mary made the decision to leave her home and family for the opportunity to attend Phillips Academy. Not only was she getting frustrated with the extremely small size

of Ellis, an all girls school, but she was following in her sister's footsteps, who attended PA before her. Mary saw a place which offered her a great array of opportunities, both in the classroom and on the athletic field. She wanted to attend a school where she would be able to portray her full talents and abilities in all facets of life. For many, the move to Andover is a tremendously challenging one, as many are not properly prepared for the rigors of PA life. Both the academic work load, and the pressure of living away from home make it difficult for people to survive their Junior year. However, for Mary the transition was aided by her involvement in sports. She was a member of three JV squads during her first year at PA, and each of them introduced her to a new array of friends. The only problem Mary encountered was the struggle with the added work load, mainly budgeting her time effectively to complete all of her assignments.

Mary began her PA athletic career as a tri-JV athlete. She began the fall term with field hockey, continued with ice hockey in the winter term, and ended the year as a member of the JV lacrosse team. She was extremely grateful for her experience on JV in the three sports, for it intro-

duced her to many of her classmates and allowed her to really have fun while playing sports, something many athletes today have forgotten about. During the winter term Mary took up ice hockey for the first time. "It was something new, and something fun for me to do," commented Mary. After hard work and long hours of training over the summer in camps, Mary moved up through the athletic program and into a tri-variety position. The field hockey team, which is consistently one of the best in New England, was especially strong her lower and upper year, as were the ice hockey and lacrosse teams.

When Mary returned to school this past fall, she was looking at one of the best PA field hockey teams of all time. Andover has always been one of the most formidable teams in the area, but this year's squad was primed for a run at the championship. As one of the captains of this season's squad and a three year starter, Barendsfield led by example, sending PA deep into post-season play. In the end, Andover ran into a wall in the form of a talented St. Paul's squad, who eventually went on to take the title. This past season was the most successful in Mary's three year career, and it closed out her Andover field hockey career on a positive note, even though the title she desired was never attained.

The cold, snowy days of winter on the PA campus meant only one thing for the co-captain: time to lace up the skates. The girls' ice hockey team was looking to bounce back from a disappointing season where they were hampered with the loss of many key players. Ice hockey for Mary has never been anything more than a "fun sport." Her approach toward the sport is completely down to earth as she attempts to compete with players that have skated their entire lives. This past winter, the girls suffered through another frustrating season, as they never were able to completely reach their full potential. After witnessing the success of two seasons prior, Mary has gone through continues to approach the game with a level head and a positive attitude. "We didn't have a stellar season this past year, but I just try to go out and have fun all the time. I'm playing with girls who have skated their entire lives, I've skated for four," Mary commented.

After the disappointing ice hockey season Mary returned to the lacrosse field, as her team prepared to defend their back-to-back AISGA titles. During her lower and upper seasons, Mary and the team dropped a total of two games en route to their two titles.

The team was ready for yet one more run at the best in New England. After a rare mid-season loss that dropped their record to 6-1, the girls rebounded to finish the season strong, and claimed their third championship in as many years. Highlights of the year featured Mary on several occasions. Once, she netted seven goals while leading her team to an easy victory over nationally prominent Kimball Union Academy.

Added with her success on the PA playing fields, Mary has been named to the New England Girls Regional Team the past three years. Two years ago the team won their division, and last year made it to the semis before bowing out.

Mary will continue her athletic career on the lacrosse field up in scenic New Hampshire at Dartmouth College next fall. Her choice of colleges was tough, but the choice to pursue lacrosse rather than field hockey is one Barendsfield is extremely confident with. She looks back on her Andover experience noting both positive memories. Most recently the day she received her Dartmouth acceptance letter at her box. "I wore my Dartmouth shirt for a week, and ran around screaming when I finally got the letter," remembered Mary. Andover offered her an immense

number of opportunities that would have been unattainable to her at home. She especially would like to thank the entire athletic department, because without them she never would have been able to achieve the things she has during the past four years. She especially would like to thank Martha and Lisa, from whom she learned important lessons, on and off the field.

It is a fine discipline to excel in three different sports while maintaining an active interest in other things—academics, social life, family. Mary has mastered the discipline, balancing the different aspects of her life with the ultimate goal not of success, but of excellence.

For Mary, "Success has been great, but the best thing about my four years here was being able to compete on the athletic field with my friends." During her tenure at PA, Mary has been a shining star both as a student and an athlete. She has excelled at every task put forth in front of her, and will undoubtedly take a great deal of knowledge onto her next conquest. Dartmouth will only open new doors for Mary, and with those new doors, an array of new and challenging opportunities; then again, no matter where she goes, Mary will make her own opportunities.



Steph Hunter '97

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An amazing athletic ability and a selfless character brought Steph Hunter '97 to the forefront of the Andover sports scene during her tenure at PA. After arriving at Phillips in her upper year, Steph quickly found her spot on the varsity field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse teams.

Her talent and presence during the game has been the backdrop to her leadership on the field. She has maintained the high level of determination needed to succeed in both athletics and academics at highest tier and by showing her dedication for Andover as a tri-varsity team member, Steph has earned Athlete of the Year honors.

A native of Wolfboro, N.H., Steph was encouraged from an early age to participate in athletics. During her childhood, she looked to her older sister and brother for exposure to sports. For instance, Steph received her first taste of basketball in second grade when her older brother Cory, who now plays for Brandeis University, began to play competitively.

She continued to engage in sports throughout her years at Kingswood Regional Middle School. Upon graduation from junior high, the logical choice was to attend the local high school: Brewster Academy.

At BA, Steph joined the JV squads for both field hockey and lacrosse in her freshman year. In basketball, Hunter went immediately to varsity as the starting point guard. The following year, she was tri-varsity at Brewster, and had become one of the most dominant athletes at the school.

Although her teams had some success that year, none of them were able to win a championship.

The lacrosse and field

hockey teams had dismal seasons. In basketball, Steph's squad, a tournament favorite, was unceremoniously bumped out of the tournament in the second round. Despite the excellent talent of these teams, they all fell short of the ultimate goal.

During her second year, Steph began to feel as though Brewster wasn't challenging her enough. The academics were below her difficulty level, and she decided it was time for a new school. Steph looked at Brooks Academy as well as Phillips, but decided that the former was too small for her.

The transfer to PA was Steph's

judgment call. Although her parents did not want their last child to leave, they stood behind her all the way. They felt that if Steph wanted to do the work, they would support her.

Steph arrived at Andover in 1995 for upper year. Her transition from day student to boarder was eased by the fact that she met a many new friends during the field hockey preseason. On the whole, the change was not a big one.

However, Steph needed to learn how to balance her studies while playing on three varsity teams, all during the hardest of one's three years at PA. Getting her study habits down was hard at first, but Steph's strong work ethic soon helped her get on top of her studies.

During her upper year, the varsity field hockey team had a decent season. The squad earned a trip to the New England Prep School Athletic Conference tournament as the eighth seed. Unfortunately, the girls were knocked out in the opening round of the playoffs. The following season, the team did very well and returned to the tournament.

Despite great play all around, the Blue failed to pass the semi-final round, losing 2 to 1. After the defeat, Steph cried on the field for the first time in her life. Usually a practice she abhors, Hunter was moved to

squad's position with improve due to a win over 11th ranked Kimball Union Academy during the season. Coaches Henderson and Lisa Pimentel did an amazing job of using two very different groups of girls to win back to back crowns. On the team, Mary-Margaret Fitch '97, Mary Barendse '97, and Georgie Greville '97 worked with Steph to make the team great. Hunter was saddened by the loss of Melita Sawyer '97, who played the defensive wing opposite Steph.

The various people that have coached Steph over the past two seasons all succeeded in bringing out the best in her. One of Hunter's great personality traits is her ability to get along with all kinds of people. While other players chafed under the instruction of different coaches, Steph found herself inspired by all her coaches.

In her eyes, the different styles of these coaches was a blessing because each style brought a new dimension to the game. Coaches Martha Fenton, Kate Dolan, Karen Kennedy, Kathy Henderson, and Lisa Pimentel all contributed valuable advice in their perspective sports.

In addition to her teams' success, Steph has also received many accolades during her tenure in high school. For field hockey, Hunter was

a Boston Globe All-Scholastic for her accomplishments during the fall. Her basketball skills earned her the same recognition for the last two years and also made her a New England all-star in the previous three seasons. In lacrosse Steph was named a Lakes Region all-star during her sophomore year at Brewster. Despite all these awards, it is the championships won that Hunter will always remember.

Hunter credits her family for helping her to excel both academically and athletically. Without the support and encouragement of her parents, Cy and Martha, Steph might



tears by the high emotions of the game. She felt as though the team should have taken home the championship, and to this fierce competitor anything less is second rate.

Coaches Martha Fenton, Kate Dolan, Karen Kennedy and Kathy Henderson all encouraged Steph in different ways. Judging by Hunter's performances, they succeeded in helping her play to the fullest of her ability. Teammate Morgan Zucker '97 was also a guiding light for Steph during her final season at PA.

In the winter, Hunter turned her attention to basketball. The season during upper year was a washout for Steph because she was unable to play. The team struggled through a rebuilding year, losing a fair amount of its games. However, in her senior season, Hunter returned to lead a highly talented team to the championship game.

Although they narrowly missed the crown, Steph led the charge as the girls' basketball program returned to prominence. While leading the team as the captain and principal scorer, she also contributed to the squad's success by serving as the playmaker. Coaches Kennedy and Marlys Edwards did an excellent job of building a team around Steph and the rest of the core group of returning starters.

When Spring Term arrived, Steph focused her efforts toward lacrosse, the sport in which she has had the most success at Phillips. During her upper year, Steph served as a complement to a team that captured the Association of Independent School Girl Athletics title. In light of this feat, the squad was ranked 17th in the nation.

The following year, Hunter returned as a core member of the team, and helped to lead the girls to another AISGA championship. Although the national rankings have not yet been released, it is expected that the

not be the student-athlete she is today. Whether cheering her on at the game, or driving her to practice, Hunter's parents were behind her one hundred percent.

Also, having two role models, her older siblings Cory and Stacey, helped immensely. Overall, Steph's family is always there for her, backing her in whatever she wants to undertake.

Looking back on her Andover experience, Hunter feels that Phillips was well worth the transfer. She gained and learned a lot as a student, a person, and an athlete. As far as the future is concerned, Steph will attend Davidson University in North Carolina next year. The decision about colleges came down to four schools: George Mason University, Boston University, Virginia Commonwealth, and, obviously, DU.

In the end, she chose Davidson, largely because it was a school at which she could play lacrosse. Next year Steph sadly does not expect to continue field hockey. However, she will take her lacrosse skills to the next level.

Her future in basketball is hazy at this point in time because of prior commitments to the lacrosse team. With the seasons overlapping, Steph does not expect to juggle both.

No matter what Steph finally decides to pursue in college, she will be a roaring success. PA's loss will surely be Davidson's gain.

Although she only spent two years at Phillips Academy, Steph contributed more to athletic program than most do in a full four years. She returned Andover basketball to the highest ranks of New England prep school competition, while playing instrumental roles in the field hockey team's undefeated regular season and the lacrosse team's fifth straight AISGA championship. One can only imagine what she would have done with another four years.

Kanu Okike '97

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Kanu Okike '97 exemplifies what the Andover student-athlete is supposed to be. An honors student as well as the captain of two varsity sports, Kanu has established himself as a leader and a role model both in the classroom and on the athletic field. During his four years at PA, Kanu has progressed through the athletic system, working his way up the ladder from JV levels to three varsity squads. This past year, Kanu an-

injury that limited his participation with the rest of the team. "It was tough having to sit by and watch my teammates without me. It's tough looking up to a captain who isn't around." Although he missed three races due to injury, Okike was an important member of a team centered around the "team theory." A total team effort was what won Interschols for the team, as each runner stepped up his running for the "only meet that truly mattered."

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ished off his Andover athletic career as a member of the varsity lacrosse team. Kanu was moved from long stick middle, a position he prefers, to defense for this year. Although the team may not have been as talented as in years past, they were undoubtedly one of the most physical teams in the league. A somewhat disappointing season was highlighted by big wins against Deerfield under the lights, Tabor, and the final game of the season against rival Exeter. Kanu believes he learned a lot this spring from assistant coach Bramer, who



chored the boys' cross country team to its second championship in as many years during the fall, was the backbone of the hard-working boys' basketball team, and was one of the defensive leaders this spring on the boys' LAX team. His performance and dedication to Andover athletics during the past four years have earned him the honor of Athlete of the Year.

Kanu was born in the bitter cold of midwest Minnesota, but the family moved to Boylston, Ma. when Kanu was just shy of two years old. Sports were a common theme in Kanu's youth, and they thoroughly entertained him. Basketball came easy for Kanu, who was consistently the tallest kid in his middle school grade. He began his competitive career in sixth grade playing for the B team, and progressed up to the A team for seventh grade, and was one of a select few who in eighth grade were given the opportunity to play on the high school JV team. Kanu's running and lacrosse careers came slightly less naturally. Kanu envisioned himself playing soccer, but his mother believed a running career would be more beneficial for her son. Again, Kanu saw himself playing tennis as a young child, but because of the lack of court availability he found himself soon holding a lacrosse stick instead of a tennis racket.

Kanu originally became aware of Phillips Academy while looking into the possibility of attending the summer session. He never truly considered the potentiality of boarding school, but after seeing the campus, and talking with Courtney Gadsden '97, a close friend who attended PA, Kanu and his family came to the realization that Andover offered an environment with better opportunities, both academically and athletically. "I came from a small school, no more than 500 K-12, and I saw PA as a place that offered me more possibilities," remembered Kanu. The transition for Kanu to Andover was not particularly tough. "The toughest part about the transition was getting accustomed to the enormous amount of work." Kanu also wondered about the large size of Andover, but he soon found that the systems put into effect to curb that problem truly do make a difference.

Participating in a sport from the beginning was beneficial to Okike as well, giving him the opportunity to meet new friends and become involved within the school. "The bonds of friendship are stronger than on any other team...you unite in your pain," commented Kanu. During the winter term of his Junior year, Kanu began his PA basketball career on the JV squad. With hard work and dedication, Okike established himself as a rising prospect within the Andover system. During the spring term Kanu began on the JV LAX team, and lead the way for an undefeated season, as he had done in basketball.

This past fall, as captain, Kanu led the boys' cross country to their second championship in as many years. After dropping a mid-season race to NMH, the boys put forth an extraordinary team effort at Interschols to blow away NMH, and the rest of the competition. For Kanu, whose goals are very high, it was a somewhat disappointing season. He was sidelined for two weeks with an

frustrating season. After the remarkable success of the 1996 season, one which Kanu played an integral role in, the team suffered with the departure of many key players. The shouts of "Ka-nu, Ka-nu" which flowed uncontrollably a season ago, were not as frequent this past season. Although the same talent may not have been there, this year's group was an remarkably hard working bunch of guys according to Okike. "Everybody worked extremely hard, and after a tough loss they would all be back the next day working twice as hard." Kanu feels that the role he is best suited for is the one which he was given last year. "I don't" consider myself good enough to be the focus of the team; last year we had Titus [Ivory '96] and Corey [Vandiver '96] to lead the way, and [Hugh] Quattlebaum [96], Minor [Myers '96], and myself had the secondary roles." Kanu's modest attitude belies the impressive job he did throughout the year, as he was forced to guard some of the best high school talent in the nation night after night. Okike's games were filled fighting under the glass for rebounds and tough points with bigger and taller players. Although he may not want the job as a leading player, he has shown that he is capable of guiding a team on the right path.

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ished off his Andover athletic career as a member of the varsity lacrosse team. Kanu was moved from long stick middle, a position he prefers, to defense for this year. Although the team may not have been as talented as in years past, they were undoubtedly one of the most physical teams in the league. A somewhat disappointing season was highlighted by big wins against Deerfield under the lights, Tabor, and the final game of the season against rival Exeter. Kanu believes he learned a lot this spring from assistant coach Bramer, who

helped him with the transition to defense. "I don't really have the checks to take the ball away, but I learned a lot from coach Bramer," said Okike. Kanu was part of the defensive backbone which held up the lacrosse team this past spring, and has developed into a powerful force on the back line. As an added honor, Kanu was named to the Academic All-American Lacrosse team for his extraordinary performance in the classroom and on the lacrosse field.

The future for Kanu could not possibly be any brighter. Okike is headed off to Harvard next fall where his academic and athletic abilities will be challenged once again. He has yet to decide which sport he will pursue at Harvard, but he will definitely be a member of either the basketball or lacrosse squads next year. Even though his friendly face will be absent from the PA campus next fall, he leaves behind two family members in brother Nnandi Okike '98, and his younger sister Christina Okike '01 who will become a junior next fall. As Kanu looks back on his Andover experience, the moment that jumps out at him comes from when he won his first championship as a member of an Andover team during his eleventh grade year on the cross country team.

Importantly and tellingly Okike remembers each coach who has allowed him the opportunity to showcase his talents on the athletic field. Without them, he feels he never would have achieved many of the things he has during the past four years. And while many athletes here at PA have a misguided interpretation of athletics, Kanu's approach is the one which everyone should abide by. "I feel sports are nothing more than an opportunity for diversion...for fun...a great release." Kanu has definitely benefited from his four years at Andover. His performance both in the classroom and on the athletic field are representative of the person he is becoming.



Richie Powell '97

by Andy Butler
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While commanding the variety soccer team's midfield and using his speed to dominate races for the varsity track team, Richie Powell '97 has used pure intensity to inspire his teammates. His leadership and experience in both sports has proved invaluable to these teams. A strong work ethic combined with raw talent has consistently paid off for Richie over the past year, making him a focal point of Andover athletics. The consistency of Richie's performances stemming from his sheer athletic ability has earned him the coveted Athlete of the Year honor.

Powell was born at a parish in St. Andrew, Jamaica, a town that neighbors his present day home of St. Catherine. He grew up in a close knit family, while living in Spanish town and Kingston. When he reached the appropriate age, Richie enrolled at nearby St. Andrew Prep, a school which runs from kindergarten through the sixth grade. After completing his years at SAP, Powell matriculated to Campion College. CO teaches grades seven through twelve, similar to high school in the US. Until late in December of his final year a Campion College, Richie wasn't sure where he would go next. Although he did want to attend college in the US, no concrete plans had been made.

During this time of uncertainty, a friend of PA soccer coach William Scott gave Powell a brochure about Phillips and suggested that he give the school a serious look. At this point the applications were due in less than a month, so Richie and his father quickly sent in the preliminary forms. Andover looked like an amazing opportunity for Powell, but even if he was admitted, financial questions still loomed. After several weeks of waiting, Richie received word that the school had awarded him the distinguished Phelps Scholarship. In addition to giving him all expenses paid education at PA, this honor illustrates that Richie was a remarkably distinguished candidate. The offer that Phillips extended to Powell was the critical factor in his decision to attend the school, a deal too sweet for him to pass up. After two years of advanced studies at Campion College, Richie wanted a school to serve as a bridge to a top notch American college. With the right circumstances, Powell felt comfortable that this was the school for him. He sent notice confirming his enrollment, securing his future at Phillips.

The transition to PA went smoothly for Richie. The culture and climate change was eased by his excitement. Although at first glance the extra-friendly teachers and students appeared weird, Powell soon found out that the community was genuine in its intentions. While living away from his parents for the first time, Richie found that the rigorous academics kept him on track and away from distractions. Despite the challenging work, he really enjoyed being able to choose a lot of his courses. At home, Powell couldn't pick classes like psychology and philosophy. The diversity of the subjects allowed him to study what he wanted

to. In addition to the class choices within the subjects, Richie noticed another difference at PA: the quality of the teaching. Not to say that the teachers in Jamaica are bad, but Powell noted the excellence of the educators at Phillips from the first day. The real difference between the teachers at home, and those at PA, is motivation. At Andover, Richie was surprised to learn that the faculty actually help to motivate the kids. In Jamaica, kids have to motivate themselves, whereas at Phillips the extra help that students receive is outstanding.

Out of all the teachers and adults who were helpful to Powell, coach Scott stands out. His support in Richie's transition was invaluable. Coach Scott introduced Powell to many members of the faculty, including his future College Counselor Mr. Bewig. More than a coach to Richie, Mr. Scott helped him with any problems and made sure he felt comfortable at PA. The Scott family opened its home to Powell, inviting him over to dinner on numerous occasions. After the soccer season finished, coach Scott's guidance didn't falter a bit as he continued to help Richie in his decisions about colleges. Mr. Scott used his knowledge of college coaches to promote Richie's academic and athletic skills.

A pure soccer talent, Powell first started playing when he was seven years old. He got his first taste of real competition when he tried out for the St. Andrew Prep under twelve team. Although he was just seven, Richie impressed the coach with his speed and gutsy play. Powell continued playing on the U12 SAP squad until he went to Campion College. In addition to playing for his school, Powell plays for his country. Starting with two stints on an under twelve national team, he continued to represent Jamaica on national squads.

While growing up, Richie watched role models, such as Argentina's Diego Maradona, Brazil's Pele, and Jamaica's very own Johnny Barnes. The climate in Jamaica allowed him to play a great deal more than the average American kid. Richie found he could play anywhere, whether it be the beach or the school yard. Even if he was by himself, he would practice juggling or dribbling. Night games with friends were commonplace for Richie.

Although the climate surely aided Powell's development, his accomplishments illustrate his raw talent and skill. In Jamaica, Richie won many accolades and served as captain to a number of his teams. However, he received the greatest honor of his life at the Island Life summer camp. At this camp, Richie's gifts earned him a scholarship to play with PSV Eindhoven, a very successful and highly touted club in Holland. The opportunity at

PSV was the chance of a lifetime, and Powell got to meet a lot of great players such as Romario.

Richie continued to earn honors after his move to Phillips, being named a NEPSAC All-Star and a Boston Globe All-Scholastic this year. Despite winning awards, Richie felt disappointed with the season because the team narrowly missed a spot in the tournament. According to Powell, the squad started off slowly, but changed incredibly after the third game. The intensity picked up and the players came together. He credits

coaches Scott and McCleerty with helping the team peak at just the right time.

With help from his coaches and teammates, Powell performed magnificently during the soccer season. He lauds his coaches for allowing him to play a free and open style of soccer. Arguably, Richie plays best when he is allowed to create without restrictions.

In addition to the coaching, Powell's teammates were invaluable to him. In particular, senior captains Jeremy Kurzynecki '97 and Ian Klaus '97 helped Richie to play to his fullest potential, encouraging and motivating him.

After the soccer season came to a close, Richie decided to put his speed to use for the track team. During the Winter, Powell competed in myriad events. He ran the 50 yd dash, the 50 yd hurdles, and the 300 yard races. Still at its mile post, and the distance medley relay. Richie had his greatest success with the distance medley relay, placing 7th at the national indoor championships in this race. He combines the 1200, 400, 800, and the mile. Teammates Pat Rowe '97, John Friedman '98 and Nat Juras '97 helped with this accomplishment.

The transition to the outdoor track in the Spring was easy for Powell. He completed in the 100, the 200, and the 400 meter events as well as the 300 meter hurdles, the 800, and the 4x400. Again the season proved fruitful as Richie became the only competitor to win four medals at Interschools. He accomplished this feat by taking first in his two relay events and third in the 400 and 300 hurdles. The boys' track team soundly defeated Exeter in the final meet of the season, capping off his series of outstanding performances.

If anyone on the track team was a mentor to Powell during his time at PA, it was Steve Diehl '97. Teammates Rowe, Friedman, Juras and Louis Brown '99 and proved great competitors and friends. Coaches John Strudwick and Jack Richards helped Powell immensely by having confidence in him.

Of all the people who have helped Powell on his way to athletic stardom, he gives most of the credit to his closely knit family. His mother always encouraged him to strive for the best. If Richie was taking five classes, his mom wanted him to try six. In addition to encouraging her son, Mrs. Powell also supported him in everything he wanted to do. His father's ability to speak "manicuss wise words of advice" was a constant help with any problem Richie had. Powell's two younger brothers, Josef and Dominic, used him as a role model. The Powell family provided the ideal environment for Richie to prosper both academically and athletically.

Next year Richie will enroll at Harvard University in Cambridge. Attending an Ivy League school has always been one of his dreams, and Powell is very excited about the coming year. Knowing that good friends such as Kumu Okite '98, Luka Djunic '97, and Justin Skinner '97 will be with him next year also helps. While Richie will certainly continue his soccer career on the Division One level, his future in track is uncertain at this point. During the summer, Powell plans to train with the Jamaica U20 National team. Hopefully, he will be able to continue to play for his country and his college. Without a doubt, Richie will excite with his flare for the game of soccer for years to come.



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